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'Saleh's cellphone's final signal was 9am on Oct. 3'

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The last signal from missing lawyer Jamal A. Saleh's cellphone was at 9am last Tuesday, Oct. 3, according to sources.

Police said the 49-year-old Saleh apparently could not sleep and went for a walk at 1:30am that same day, Oct. 3.

Since then, police said that Saleh's friend had been texting him

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Torres to US high court: Disregard AG letter

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres wrote the U.S. Supreme Court's clerk of court last July 4 to rebut Attorney General Edward Manibusan that the petition that Torres and the Commonwealth Election Commission filed about the

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B-1B bombers from Guam drill off SKorea coast

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The United States has staged a show of force meant to deter North Korean aggression by flying two B-1B supersonic bombers from an air base in the U.S. territory of Guam to South Korea for drills with that country's jets.

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Inos park gets national award

The Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park has received national praise and recognition from the Construction Management Association of America.

At the CMAA Project Achievement Awards Banquet in Washington, D.C. yesterday,

the park received the award in the environmental category for a construction project value

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, fourth from left, is joined by, from left, CIP project manager Elizabeth S. Balajadia, PE; GHD Inc. project director Paul Baron, PE; GHD Inc. project engineer Ruffin Inos Jr., EIT; GHD Inc. project manager Geoff Melchor; GHD Inc. CQA manager Bryan Fritzler, PE; and CMAA president and CEO Bruce D'Agostino.

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DPL to draw lots for homesteads by November

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The Department of Public Lands would be awarding homestead lots by November 2017, Homestead Division director Ray Salas told *Saipan Tribune*.

The delay in drawing lot-

teries was due to the division prioritizing the identification of land interest associated with people who have applied for a homestead lot.

According to Salas, the division has already identified at least six people who would be awarded a homestead lot but the department

opted to wait until at least 20 people are identified for drawing.

Salas added that those who have land interests associated to their name are already ineligible to participate in the village homestead program.

"Most of the applicants are off-island, so we are review-

ing by year," said Salas, adding that the division is currently reviewing applicants of January of 1992.

"We have 40 vacant lots now," he said. The lots are located somewhere in Kag-

man II and Kagman III.

"Hopefully we could come up with 20 people by the end of [October]," he added.

The most recent homestead drawing was in early July 2017, when DPL award-

ed nine people with village homestead lots.

During that time, Salas said there were 275 remaining applicants for 1991 and 387 remaining applicants for 1992.



HEAD START AWARENESS

Acting Board of Education chair Janice Marie A. Tenorio, center, is joined by Rota Board of Education member Herman Atalig, right, and Education Commissioner Cynthia I. Deleon Guerrero in this photo taken yesterday afternoon. Tenorio signed the proclamation declaring the month of October Head Start Awareness Month. The ceremony was held at the Kagman Head Start Center.

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COTA expects to go 'live' in Nov.

The Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority continues to make strides in its goal to bring a full-fledged public transportation system to the Commonwealth, according to Alfreda P. Camacho, the Torres administration's special assistant for Public Transportation.

"The procurement of two additional buses for our fixed-flex route program is currently in the bidding process, with an extension of the bidding period pending. We also have been working closely with Jon Nouichi from the Hawaii State and County Department of Transportation for a joint procurement for buses," Camacho said.

Several federal grant applications have been completed and submitted with several more being prepared, she said.

"Our application for a discretionary grant for \$6.3 million from the Federal Transit Authority has been prepared and submitted to FTA last August. The funding request will

cover all new bus stop infrastructure and hubs throughout...Saipan, 14 medium-built low floor ADA-accessible buses, and funding for our new maintenance and administrative building," Camacho said.

A grant application for \$825,000 was submitted to FTA Region IX in September and COTA is currently applying for a Department of Transportation TIGER grant, to be submitted this month, she said.

Bus stop infrastructure for the fixed-flex route has been planned out and is currently going through the permitting process. Databases and tracking systems are in the process of implementation.

COTA has identified all bus stops and transfer hubs for the fixed routes, Camacho said. Funding has been allocated for two of the routes, but there is still a need for funding for the last three routes.

The National Transit Database reporting has been accepted and approved by the

FTA earlier this quarter.

The Transportation Software Tracking System contractor RouteMatch Software will be on Saipan this month to perform training for this system.

"COTA is projected to go 'live' by mid-November 2017," Camacho said.

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres noted that the progress COTA has made will pay off once the bus fleet gets fully implemented.

"Access to transportation is the one of the most important factors in an individual's ability to escape poverty and seek out more economic opportunities like finding a job or attending a class. Alfreda and her very hardworking team—from the drivers to the dispatch operators, who get up early everyday—have dedicated themselves to ensuring we have this service. And with the new buses coming in, more public outreach, and sticking to the vision, we will have a transportation system that our whole community will be proud of," Torres said. (*Saipan Tribune*)



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Bid to dismiss CPA suit over defective runway denied

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The Superior Court has denied a contractor's bid to have a Commonwealth Ports Authority lawsuit against it dismissed, relating to their dispute in a runway project at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

In the same order on Tuesday, Presiding Judge Roberto C. Naraja also denied GPPC Inc.'s motion to dismiss CPA's third-party complaint against Fidelity and Deposit Co. of Maryland, an insurance company that provided a performance bond for GPPC.

GPPC had sued CPA for allegedly causing the company to incur \$39 million in damages over the airport runway project. In response, CPA sued GPPC and Fidelity. GPPC then moved to dismiss CPA's counterclaims.

CPA counsel Robert T. Torres told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that CPA looks forward to proceeding with its case against GPPC for the defective runway and the bonding company's refusal to cover the bond.

"[CPA] is very disappointed with the workmanship and will look to ensure the continuing safety of our air- lines and public at all times," Torres said.

GPPC counsel Mark H. Hanson said that Naraja ruled that CPA's counter-allegations against GPPC, while possibly insufficient for CPA to prevail at trial, are sufficient to sur-

vive a motion to dismiss at this stage of the litigation.

"While GPPC disagrees, the case will obviously proceed with CPA advancing its baseless counterclaims against GPPC, at least for the moment," Hanson said.

Hanson said they are confident that GPPC will prevail.

The lawyer said they also believe that GPPC's surety, Fidelity, is not a party to this action.

"GPPC is fully capable of supporting any obligations it may have to any project owner, including CPA," he said.

Hanson said GPPC believes it is "inappropriate to try to leverage unwarranted compliance with overreaching CPA demands" through litigation.

In denying GPPC's motions, Naraja ruled that CPA's negligent construction claim does not fail as a matter of law because CPA alleged damage to "other property."

Naraja said CPA's Consumer Protection Act claim does not fail because an analysis of the statutory text and relevant case law indicates as much.

Naraja said CPA's fraud claim survives because CPA sufficiently pled its claim.

In CPA's counterclaims against Fidelity, Naraja ruled that CPA's suit against Fidelity is appropriate because the claims are inextricably tied to the dispute between CPA and GPPC.

Last April 4, CPA filed its answer to GPPC's complaint as well as counterclaims against GPPC and a third-par-

ty complaint against Fidelity.

In its counterclaim, CPA claims that GPPC is liable for breach of contract, breach of implied duty of good faith and fair dealing, negligent construction, violation of the Consumer Protection Act, and fraud.

In its third-party complaint against Fidelity, CPA claims that Fidelity breached its obligations to pay out under the performance bond after GPPC allegedly failed to perform under the construction contract.

Last May 19, GPPC filed the motion to dismiss CPA's counterclaims and a motion

for misjoinder.

GPPC argued that CPA's third, fourth, and fifth causes of action in its counterclaim fail as a matter of law and that CPA's joinder of Fidelity is legally improper.

CPA countered that its counterclaims against GPPC alleges that GPPC's defective work has resulted in harm beyond the defective runway by: causing damage to the underlying runway; opening CPA to possible liability resulting from noncompliance with Federal Aviation Administration safety standards, which could result in closure of the runway; and causing CPA to have to shoulder \$20 million in repair costs.

On CPA's negligent construction claim, CPA has alleged damage to other property, Naraja said, making dismissal inappropriate.

With respect to CPA's Consumer Protection Act claim, Naraja said that GPPC did raise a number of novel arguments against allowing CPA's Consumer Protection Act claim to proceed but its arguments fail.

All the claims go to the issue of whether GPPC and Fidelity breached their contractual obligations to CPA as it relates to the runway project, Naraja said.

Naraja said CPA alleges that GPPC breached its obligations by producing a defective

runway and also alleges that Fidelity has breached its obligations by failing to pay out the performance bond to CPA.

Naraja said all the claims go to the same set of transactions and both GPPC and Fidelity may be liable.

CPA embarked on a runway rehabilitation program dating back to 2002-2003 as part of an effort to fix the aging runway at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport.

The rehabilitation program culminated with the award of a contract to GPPC in 2009.

The original consideration for the contract prior to the change of orders and supplemental agreements was \$12,488,800.

Santos worries that beetles could harm Rota's economy

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If confirmed that the coconut rhinoceros beetle has penetrated Rota, the invasion would be "unprecedented" and could worsen the island's economic struggle, according to Sen. Teresita Santos (R-Rota).

She told *Saipan Tribune* that an infestation of coconut rhinoceros beetle could affect Rota's domestic economy since the beetle attacks coconut trees, an important source of food, shelter, and raw materials.

"Any invasive species is a threat to the health of our plants, forests and/or trees," said Santos.

The beetles, believed to be the invasive coconut rhinoceros beetle, were discovered on Rota last week.

Rota CNMI Forestry has reported a total of 20 adult beetles and several larvae on one coconut tree that fell to the ground.

Rota Forestry has already notified the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Ser-

vices. Samples of the beetle and their larvae were sent to Guam for examination.

The coconut trees in Guam were devastated by the beetles.

Santos urges the Department of Lands and Natural Resources to exercise stricter inspection on any means of transportation entering the CNMI.

"Similarly, [the Northern Marianas College- Cooperative Research and Extension Education Services], in close collaboration with DLNR Quarantine and our community, can assist in the early detection and/or eradication of such an invasive specie to avert the multiplication of these species' population," said Santos.

"In addition, effective quarantine, public education, and plant protection be strongly emphasized and/or applied to combat any invasive species that would destroy our plants, trees and forest," added Santos.

The discovery of the beetle comes a month after Rota celebrated the 3rd Luta Coconut Festival, which highlighted the tree's role in the lives of the people of Rota.

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Last of 5th alleged victim of CW-1 scam testifies

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The last of the five alleged victims of a CW-1 scam described in federal court yesterday how he was recruited in Bangladesh to work on Saipan in exchange for a large sum.

Speaking through an interpreter, Abbu Alam said he borrowed money from relatives to raise a total of 13 *lakh takas* that he paid in two installments in Bangladesh.

Taka is the currency in Bangladesh. One *lakh* is equivalent to 100,000 *takas* (about \$1,219). Eighty-two *takas* is equivalent to a U.S. dollar.

Cross-examination of Alam will resume today, Thursday, at 8am.

On trial are brothers Mukse-dur Rahman and Md. Rafiqul Islam; Rahman's wife, Shahinur Akter; TBK Auto Cares owner David Trung Quoc Phan; and Phan's fiancée, Analyn Nunez.

Usman Gani, former TBK employee Nita Batuigas, and DHL employee Dolly Tke also testified yesterday for the

U.S. government.

Alam testified that it was Rahman who told him to come to Saipan to work in 2015 and that he arrived on Saipan on April 21, 2016.

He said that Rahman's brother-in-law also told him that his salary on Saipan would be 130,000 *takas*, but that he has to pay 13 *lakh takas*.

Alam said that Islam also told him in Bangladesh about the amount he needed to pay, his salary, and available green card. He talked with Islam in person in Bangladesh.

He said he talked with Rahman on the phone on how much money he had to pay and the salary he would get.

Alam, who said he is a house painter and has no experience as a welder, told assistant U.S. attorney Eric O'Malley that he asked for a receipt on the two payments he made but was not given any. He said he was told that there was no need to give him a receipt as 14 to 15 *lakh takas* is nothing to Rahman.

Alam said that Islam also instructed him not to admit at the U.S. Embassy in Bangladesh

that he paid to come to Saipan.

He was also instructed to tell during a consular interview that he has two to three years experience as a welder.

Alam said it was painful for him to lie at the embassy, but that he is poor and paid a lot of money just to come to Saipan.

He said he and four other alleged victims arrived at the same time on Saipan, while other Bangladeshi workers with them were recruited by another company, Curtwill.

Alam said that Phan and Rahman met them at the airport and brought them to Rahman's house in Chalan Kanoa, where they stayed.

Alam said he told Phan that he is a house painter and not a welder.

He said Phan assigned him as a helper to a Filipino mechanic.

Later, Nunez told him and other recruited Bangladeshis to find work elsewhere because there's few job at TBK, he said.

Alam said he told Phan that they paid Rahman to come to Saipan. Phan then called Rahman about the payment and

met later that night.

He said that Rahman told them not tell Phan about the payments they made in Bangladesh.

Alam said that Phan and Nunez asked them if they paid money to get to Saipan, but at first he was reluctant to admit it because of the instruction from Rahman.

He said Phan could not believe that he and the other Bangladeshi workers paid to come to Saipan.

Alam said that Phan mentioned that Rahman told him that Rahman gave him \$1,500 instead of \$2,000 that he (Rahman) promised to bring six people from Bangladesh.

Alam said that Rahman told him that he cannot do anything if he (Rahman) would deny they paid as there is no proof of such payments.

When they went to a lawyer to complain, Phan, Nunez, and Rahman went to their house and informed them about a construction job, but that they had to sign a blank sheet. He said they did not sign the blank sheet.

On direct examination by

defense counsel Steven Pixley, counsel for Phan, Islam said that meeting Phan at the airport was the first time they met.

Islam said he did not meet Phan in Bangladesh and that Phan did not make representation about job while he was in Bangladesh.

Alam admitted that he lied at the U.S. Embassy, saying he was a victim of circumstances.

He admitted he did not pay money to Phan and that Phan was surprised when he and others told him that they paid

money to Rahman.

He admitted that he begged to Phan to renew his CW-1 permit.

Defense counsel Janet H. King, counsel for Nunez, presented the same document that certified that Alam worked at a company that issued him a certification that he served as a head welder.

King asked Alam why he testified that it was his first time to see the certificate when in fact he indicated in another document that he worked there. Alam's reply was not clear.

SALEH

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but got no reply.

Police responded at 11:36am last Oct. 3 to a complaint that Saleh, of the Office of the Public Defender, had been missing from his As Teo residence.

The Department of Public Safety released information to the media the following day, Oct. 4, that Saleh was missing.

Sources said that Saleh had a cellphone and that the cell tower signal points to the phone being on Saipan's

eastern side.

That's why the police conducted the search in As Teo, Kagman, Laulau Beach, and San Vicente last Thursday, Friday, and Monday.

Sources also disclosed yesterday that no family member of Saleh has yet to inquire with DPS about his disappearance.

Saleh, assistant public defender at the OPD, has Arab/Indian native features. He and his girlfriend, assistant public defender Shoshanah Epstein, arrived on Saipan from New Mexico last May to work at the OPD.

House passes bill to appropriate \$3.3M for tobacco control

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The House of Representatives unanimously passed during a session on Rota yesterday a bill that appropriates over \$3.3 million to jumpstart campaigns against cigarette smoking.

According to author of House Bill 20-131, HD1, Rep. Angel Demapan (R-Saipan), the amount of \$3.3 million from the tobacco control fund was specifically appropriated to ensure funds are appropriated to support and supplement awareness, detection, and preventions

programs relating to cancer and other tobacco-related illnesses.

Demapan noted that, according to Public Law 13-38, cigarette smoking is the single most critical risk associated with cancer, heart disease, and emphysema, the three leading chronic diseases in the CNMI. He added that heart disease and cancer makes up more than 60 percent of off-island medical referral costs.

"More than \$2 million is spent each year treating diseases related to tobacco and alcohol use in the CNMI," said Demapan, adding that the

tobacco control fund was created to ensure funding is provided for treatment programs.

Though the tobacco control fund was appropriated \$3.3 million, the legislation's intent is to distribute the funds to the four purposes that the tobacco control fund serves.

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Division of Public Health Services would equally distribute the funds to activities relating to the monitoring of morbidity and mortality from cancer and other tobacco-related illnesses in the CNMI; the support of prenatal and ma-

ternal care provided that such prenatal and maternal care programs incorporate smoking cessation assistance and guidance; for workplace-based and community smoking prevention and smoking cessation programs, for tobacco-related public service advertising and education programs; and for a comprehensive school health education program that is co-administered by the Public School system.

Each program would receive \$843,750.

The bill now heads to the Senate.

BOMBERS

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Such flights by the powerful aircraft based in Guam incense the North, which claims they are preparation

for war; Pyongyang in recent weeks has threatened to send missiles into the waters around Guam.

The flights came after a South Korean lawmaker was reported to have revealed that North Korean

hackers may have stolen highly classified military documents. The lawmaker did not respond to attempts to confirm the South Korean media reports.

A South Korean Defense Ministry official said, re-

questing anonymity because of department rules, said the U.S. bombers simulated missile strikes off the peninsula's east coast before flying with two South Korean jets to then stage similar drills off the west coast.

TORRES

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voting rights issue before the high court was unauthorized.

In a letter, Torres asked U.S. Supreme Court's clerk of court Scott Harris to disregard Manibusan's "attempt to cast doubt" on the petition for certiorari, since he and the other petitioners endorse, approve, and authorize it in full.

A lawyer provided *Saipan Tribune* yesterday a copy of the governor's letter in response to a news article about the U.S. Supreme Court's denial of the petition that Torres,

CEC, and its officials filed.

That petition had asked the high court to re-examine a decision by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit that affirmed U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona's ruling that voters who are not of Northern Marianas descent must be able to vote on Article 12 initiative and any other initiatives to amend Article 12.

The U.S. Supreme Court's Office of the Clerk informed the 9th Circuit that the petition filed by Torres, CEC, and CEC officials has been denied.

Attorney Joseph Horey, who represents the Northern

Marianas Descent Corp., filed the petition on behalf of Torres, CEC, and CEC officials.

That *Saipan Tribune* article quoted a Manibusan letter dated June 20, 2017, that informed the U.S. Supreme Court's clerk of court that such filing is unauthorized.

Manibusan pointed out in the letter that none of the petitioners—Torres, CEC, and CEC officials—have the authority to file the petition.

But in his July 4 letter, Torres informed Harris that he, CEC, and CEC officials personally authorized Horey to file the petition.

"Mr. Manibusan's contrary

claim can only be understood as an extension of his ongoing efforts to assert a unilateral veto power over the CNMI Executive Branch in litigation matters," Torres said.

As head of the branch, Torres said, he rejects Manibusan's efforts as unconstitutional.

"I regret that Mr. Manibusan has sought to embroil you in an internal dispute regarding the powers, duties, and limitations of his office under the CNMI Constitution, as it is one that our own Commonwealth courts are fully capable of deciding should it persist," the governor said.

INOS

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less than \$50 million.

The peace park was a \$29-million project that was part of the closure of the former Puerto Rico landfill that was a community dump for more than 40 years.

Present to receive the award for the CNMI were Gov. Ralph DLG Torres, CIP project manager Elizabeth S. Balajadia, PE; GHD Inc. project director Paul Baron, PE; GHD Inc. project engineer Rufin Inos Jr., EIT; GHD Inc. project manager Geoff Melchor; GHD Inc. CQA manager Bryan Fritzler, PE; and Christine Inos, representing the family of the late governor Inos.

Torres said that the park means a lot to him personally and believes that the park represents Inos' vision of solving longstanding problems for the benefit of the entire community.

"I remembered the day two years ago when Gov. Inos and I broke ground for the construction together. He envisioned a great future for this park and for our community because the park is just one part of the overall vision we shared for our islands. The park is a testament to successful engineering and renews our commitment to eliminating pollution and preserving our environment. It is a place, where everyone—residents and tourists—can come to exercise and relax. I commend our [Capital Improvement Projects] office, [Office of Insular Affairs], [project contractor] GHD, Black Micro, and everyone for coming

together for this. Never would I have thought that our park would receive national awards this early. Gov. Inos would have been proud of what we accomplished together as a community," Torres said.

CIP administrator Virginia Villagomez noted that the project represents what can be achieved when federal and territorial governments work collaboratively to solve a longstanding community problem.

"Converting the former landfill to a park was not easy. The process was tedious, but very rewarding. It took team effort to get to this point. Receiving this national award is one thing, but it takes all of us in the community to take care of it for future generations. Gov. Inos would have wanted it that way," Villagomez said.

This is the second national recognition for the Gov. Eloy S. Inos Peace Park. In August, the American Society of Civil Engineers recognized the park in its recent publication.

The CMAA banquet recognized state and territorial construction projects from around the country and throughout the industry. The award categories were in the fields of commercial, sports, entertainment, education, environmental, and government, among others.

The CMAA is a non-profit and non-governmental, professional association serving the construction management industry. Current membership is more than 14,000 from around the country, including individual practitioners, corporate members, and construction owners in both public and private sectors, along with academic and associate members. (PR)

Torres creates planning office for the Commonwealth

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The Torres administration has approved the creation of a separate government office that is intended to guide the future development of the CNMI.

The CNMI Office of Planning and Development came into being after Gov. Ralph DLG Torres enacted the bill that established the office last Oct. 6, 2017.

According to the enabling measure, Senate Bill 20-02, the OPD would improve the plan-

ning processes of developments in the CNMI to "increase effectiveness of government and private actions, to improve coordination among different agencies and levels of government, to provide wise use of CNMI resources, and to guide future developments in the CNMI."

The bill was introduced by Sen. Arnold I. Palacios' (R-Saipan).

A statement from the Torres administration said that planning is "essential."

"More important than developing the plan is having

the tools and the ability to implement the plan successfully. The governor and his administration understand that this is an effort that requires all hands on deck," said press secretary Kevin Bautista in the statement.

The OPD would be headed by a director for planning and development that Torres would appoint and would be guided by an advisory council composed of the director of the OPD, the administrator of the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality, the CNMI Zoning Administrator, the executive director of the Commonwealth

Utilities Corp., the managing director of the Marianas Visitors Authority, representatives of both the Rota and Tinian Mayor's Offices, and the department secretaries of Public Works, Public Lands, Lands and Natural Resources, and Commerce.

"As we are in a position of greater possibilities, we are tasked with the difficult, but soluble challenge of properly utilizing resources to develop a better community for everyone who calls these islands home," said the administration statement.

According to the legislation, the OPD director should hold a bachelor's degree in planning, architecture, engineer-

ing, business administration, public administration, or other related fields from a U.S. accredited university along with at least seven years of administrative management experience or a master's degree or higher, also from a U.S. accredited university, with at least four years of administrative management experience.

The duties and responsibilities of the OPD would include the preparation of a CNMI comprehensive sustainable development plan that provides both short and long-range guidance for economic infrastructure and physical development of the CNMI.

The OPD would also assist

in the planning, improving, and implementing of comprehensive planning activities at all levels of the government; ensure consistency of the current planning programs and projects with the comprehensive development plan and policies; adopt necessary rules or regulations in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act; make detailed written recommendations to the governor; enter and carry out agreements between solicited assistance from public, private, or federal sources; and to deliver an annual report to the governor and the Legislature's presiding officers every last Monday of January.

500 Sails acquires fourth canoe

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The 500 Sails organization, which wants to revive the sailing tradition in the Marianas, is adding another canoe to its fleet, in time for the arrival on Saipan of the islands' first Polynesian canoe.

In a presentation at the weekly Rotary Club of Saipan meeting last Tuesday, 500 Sails board president Pete Perez said the organization has just acquired a vessel called *Roberta L* that was built according to the ancient ways.

The *Roberta L* is a 40-foot long, 57-year-old Chamorro-inspired canoe that was built in the '60s by a couple of steel workers.

According to Perez, a group that wanted to compete in the Mackinac Yacht Club race at that time did extensive research on how to build a vessel fast enough for the competition.

These individuals uncovered what is now referred to as

"the Anson drawing," which depicts a Chamorro canoe. That same Anson drawing inspired how *Roberta L* was built. 500 Sails is using the same drawing today as a guide on how it builds its canoes.

During the 300-meter Mackinac race, *Roberta L* was able to successfully beat the other competing yachts by five hours.

Today, *Roberta L* is stored in the 500 Sails storage and is in the process of being refurbished before taking part in the flotilla that will voyage to the Northern Islands for the first time.

The flotilla will consist of a few other indigenous canoes that will journey alongside the Okeanos Polynesian canoe that will be arriving some time this month.

According to Perez, the flotilla will include the 500 Sails' *Neni*, the Carolinian Affair's canoe, and *Roberta L*.

Roberta L will be the fourth addition to the 500 Sail's fleet of Chamorro-inspired canoes.

Apatang backs extending leases

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REPORTER

Representing the stance of the Saipan municipal government, Mayor David M. Apatang has come squarely behind a bill that proposes to extend public land leases to a maximum of 75 years.

Despite the opposition of the Northern Marianas Descent Corp., which supports the status quo, Apatang said Thursday that he fully supports Senate Bill 20-35, which was introduced by Senate President Arnold I. Palacios (R-Saipan).

The law currently allows public land leases of up to 40 years. Many companies and hotels in the CNMI would soon max out their leases, which will be up for bidding in the next few years.

Apatang feels that because these hotels and companies have contributed a lot to the CNMI economy, they deserve a chance to further solidify their existing assets, be given more time to re-invest in their properties and recoup

their investments.

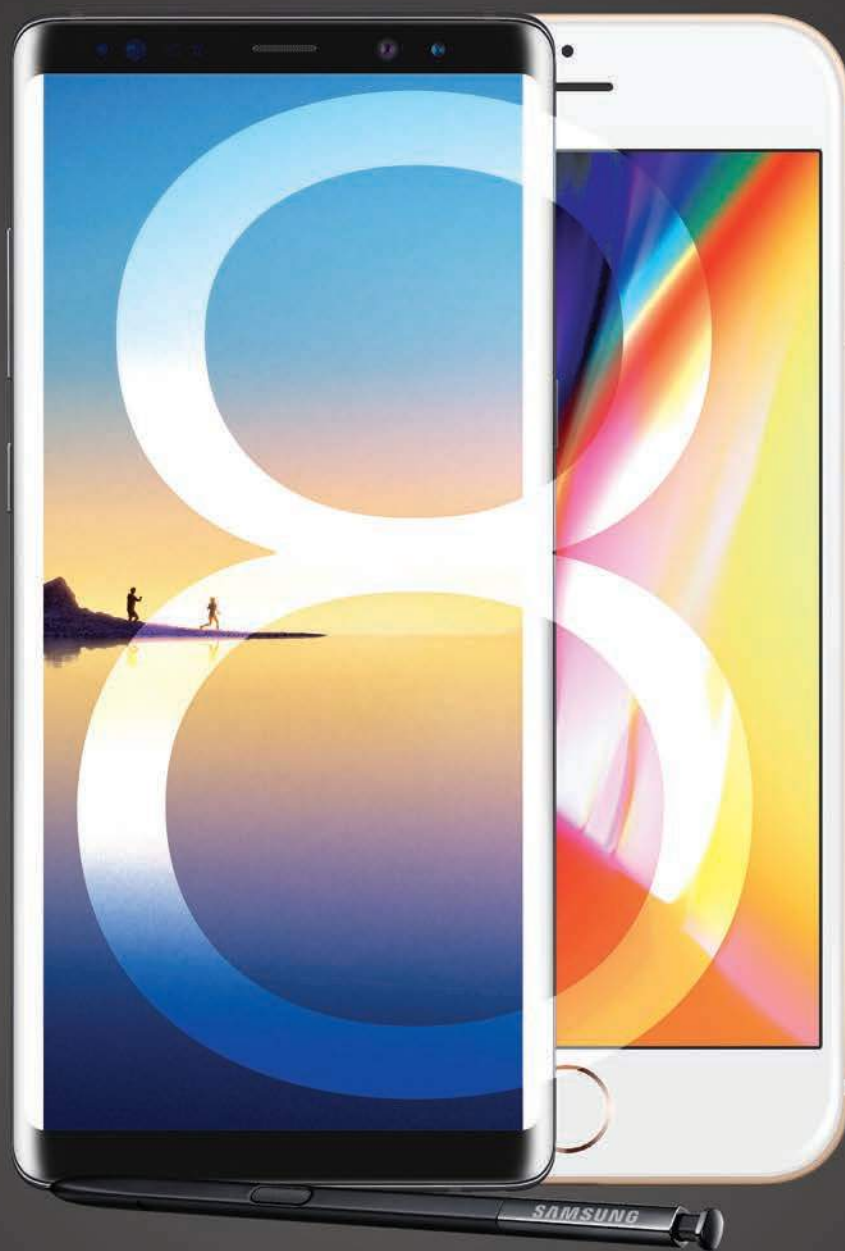
It was earlier reported that the NMDC came to an agreement that 40 years is a lot of time for companies and hotels to solidify their assets and offer a proposal that can compete with potential investors.

According to public comments submitted by the Saipan Mayor's Office to the group, longer leases on public lands may benefit the economy. "After all, our CNMI economic and financial health depends largely on outside forces..." the comments stated.

The municipality believes that a positive impact could come from more than just extending land leases. "If bringing back the good times and opening our doors to good investment and developments in our CNMI is our target goal, then we have to look beyond the terms of public land leases," the comments stated.

The municipality suggests that, on top of land leases, incentives for businesses should also be considered.

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Continuing to strengthen business ties and share the latest news about the Marianas in Russia, the Marianas Visitors Authority recently joined the first ever B2B event in Russia's Far East dedicated to tourism and education specialist.

The Far East Travel & Education Show 2017 was held on Sept. 26, 2017, at the Grande Hotel Prestige in Khabarovsk with over 50 travel trade and media representatives in attendance.

During B2B meetings, guests asked questions about tourism infrastructure in the Marianas, explored joint advertising opportunities, and

MVA joins Far East Russia tourism show

received promotional material on the destination.

"Russia remains an important source market for the Marianas, as Russian visitors typically stay longer and spend more than other markets," said Acting MVA managing director Judy Torres. "FETES 2017 was one of a number of activities the MVA is undertaking to keep the Mariana fresh in the minds of Russians,

especially as winter descends. Convenient connections to the Marianas through Seoul via Jeju Air have recently begun, and we are optimistic about incremental increases in arrivals from Russia."

Presentations on the Marianas were also made separately to a larger audience, with focus on hotel development, future promotional and advertising activities, and other des-

ination updates. Travel agents also provided their feedback to the MVA. (MVA)

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Trade marketing and PR executive Denis Nikolaev of the Marianas Visitors Authority's Russia office, right, shares about the Marianas with travel trade representatives at the Far East Travel & Education Show in Khabarovsk, Russia, on Sept. 26, 2017.



Japan travel guidebooks visit NMI

Writers and photographers of two popular travel guidebooks produced in Japan visited Tinian, Rota, and Saipan last month to prepare for their updated editions that will include the Marianas.

Globe Trotter Travel Guidebook has a circulation of 50,000 copies and visits the Marianas nearly every year to update their publication.

Aruco Guidebook has a circulation of 40,000 copies. The publications provide their readership of travelers a variety of information on travel to the Marianas, including hotels, optional tours, activities, beaches, gourmet, shopping, access, travel tips, and maps.

"We are pleased that the Marianas continues to be covered by popular travel guidebooks such as these in Japan," said MVA marketing special-

ist Brenda Repeki. "The group enjoyed visiting all three islands, and exposure value given in these publications will show readers the best of the Marianas when the new editions are released in a few months."

On a day trip to Tinian the group had photo shoots at scenic sites and well as various shops and restaurants. The group spent a day and night on Rota. The remainder of their coverage was made of numerous beach, scenic and historic sites, and tourism facilities and activities on Saipan, including a visit to award-winning Managaha. The group lodged at Rota Resort & Country Club. On Saipan they stayed at Hyatt Regency Saipan and checked out Himawari, Mariana Resort & Spa, and Pacific Islands Club Saipan. (MVA)



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The editorial team of *Aruco Guidebook* and *Globe Trotters Travel Guidebook* in Japan visit the Marianas in September 2017 to get new information and images for the publications. From left are editor and writer Maui Hara, photographer Tadashi Saitoh, coordinator Masanori Takahashi, editor and writer Akemi Hongo, and photographer Hikaru Kojima.

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Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe

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For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please call 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2013.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

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IPI, groups tie up for indigenous expo



The stage at the Indigenous Cultural Expo was set by up Imperial Pacific International LLC's Corporate Social Responsibility crew.



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Emit Ikea demonstrates different uses of coconut fronds.

Imperial Pacific International LLC's partnership with the several key agencies and organization led to the successful staging of the first Indigenous Cultural Expo.

Held at the Guma Sakman on Oct. 9 in celebration of the CNMI Cultural Day, Imperial Pacific's Corporate Social Responsibility spearheaded the committee meetings, together with the

Office of Indigenous Affairs, Carolinian Affairs Office, Public School System, Commonwealth Women's Association, Women's Affairs Office and the Lady Diann Torres Foundation.

IPI's Corporate Social Responsibility team also took the lead with the planning and logistics, donations, advertising, promotion, and manpower support. **(PR)**

Vanuatu volcano evacuees face 2 more weeks before going home

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—The 11,000 residents of a Vanuatu island who were evacuated from an erupting volcano will likely need to wait at least two more weeks before they can return home, officials said Wednesday.

Government ministers have decided to extend a state of emergency on Ambae island until Oct. 24 even though the Manaro volcano has stabilized.

All of the island's residents

were moved by boats to surrounding islands in the Pacific archipelago in an evacuation effort that ended last week.

Government spokesman Hilaire Bule said officials need the extra time to check the island's water supplies and sanitation and to plan an orderly resettlement.

He said the island was probably safe enough for residents to return immediately.

"But we need to make a

good plan," he said. "We cannot just go and ship all the people back."

Officials have downgraded the volcano's activity to Level 3 on a scale in which Level 5 represents a major eruption. The volcano was at Level 4 during the evacuation.

Brad Scott, a New Zealand volcanologist who was helping in Vanuatu until earlier this week, said the volcano was continuing to spew volcanic



In this Oct. 2, 2017 photo provided by the International Red Cross, residents prepare to evacuate from Ambae Island in Vanuatu amid fears of a volcanic eruption.

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Commonwealth Zoning Board Meeting Agenda

Thursday, October 26, 2017

5:00 PM, Governor Pedro P. Tenorio Multipurpose Center, Susupe

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A. Preliminary Matters

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of 9/28/2017 meeting minutes
5. Public Comments (*not related to files for discussion under item B. Public Hearings*)

B. Public Hearings:

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C. Communication

D. Old Business

E. New Business

1. Amendment to American Sinopan, LLC dba Saipan Garden Resort's Conditional Use Permit No. 2017-3109
2. Update on Adult Gambling Machines Relocation
3. Operations Reports (Permitting & Enforcement)

F. Executive (Closed) Session

G. Miscellaneous

- a. Other Matters
- b. Announcements
- c. Next Meeting

H. Adjourn

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the Board meeting, or if you require assistance, please contact the Zoning Administrator, Therese T. Ogunoro, at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq. & 10 CMC 3511, et seq.).

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Zoning Board Chairman



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Acting Director, DCRM

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing on the proposed construction and operation of a four story elongated residential apartment building with thirty-five 3-bedroom units and nine 2-bedroom units, a total of 44 units altogether. Each unit will have a terrace, kitchen, living room area, dining room and a laundry room. Included as part of the project are parking spaces, lightings, driveways and landscaping. The project site is located in Gualo Rai, Saipan, on a privately leased property identified as Lot Number 1877-R-3.

The public hearing for this project is scheduled for **Thursday, October 26, 2017, at 5PM, location to be announced.**

Written comments can be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mailed to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file s are open for review and comments during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday. All written and oral comments received part of the permit application records and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed projects. Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the Zen Homes project.

/s/ Janice E. Castro
Acting Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

ash and have regular explosions. But he said the amount of molten material coming to the surface had slowed.

He said that previous eruptions at the volcano had lasted about a month or six weeks, and that the current eruption had lasted a month and appeared to be following a similar pattern.

Scott said he expected the activity at Manaro to continue decreasing down to a Level 1 or 2 in the coming weeks. He said most villages had escaped any major damage.

Officials say volcanic ash and acid rain has affected crops and water quality.

Most people on Ambae live a subsistence lifestyle by farming and fishing. They are currently being housed in schools, churches and tents on the islands of Espiritu Santo, Pentecost and Maewo.

Ambae is about 400 square kilometers (154 square miles) and is one of about 65 inhabited islands in Vanuatu, which is home to 280,000 people.

Vanuatu sits on the Pacific's "Ring of Fire," the arc of seismic faults around the Pacific Ocean where earthquakes and volcanoes are common.

Tour guide certification classes to begin Oct. 23

The Marianas Visitors Authority began accepting applications for the tour guide certification program yesterday, Oct. 11, and Northern Marianas College will begin classes for the program on Oct. 23, 2017.

"Regulations are finalized, classes are set, and applications are ready for the tour guide certification program," said acting MVA managing director Judy Torres. "We acknowledge that there will be trial and error in this new program, but we are

ready to move forward and grateful to be partnering with NMC on this important initiative. The Marianas need it."

The regulations were published in the *CNMI Register* on Sept. 28, 2017, and are now formally enacted.

"We are excited to be collaborating with MVA in moving the tour guide certification program forward," said NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez. "The program lays a solid foundation to help ensure that

tour guides are equipped with consistent information not only about the CNMI's history, culture, and environment but also about local rules and regulations that are relevant to tour activities."

Tour guide application fees are \$50, tour operator application fees are \$100, and the tuition to attend classes are \$250.

The 20 hours of class instruction will be held Monday through Friday beginning at 5pm and will include CNMI history, CNMI geography, CNMI rules and regulations, principles of tour guiding/tour operations, tour guide customer

service, tour guide safety and security, protecting the environment, and CNMI culture and legends. Instructors are highly qualified in their subjects and academic fields of instruction.

Tour guides will be required to complete the training course and pass a final comprehensive exam to receive certification. As proposed under draft regulations, individual tour guides will also be required to provide police clearance and traffic history. Tour guides will be required to display their badges when conducting tours. The certification would be valid for three years unless revoked or

suspended, but the badge would need to be renewed every year.

Tour operators and tourist land/sea transport operators would be required to provide: 1) proof that the applicants maintain an office within the CNMI, 2) a certification that the applicant does not employ any tour guides that are not certified pursuant to the regulations, 3) proof that the applicant maintains a bank account in the CNMI under the business' name, 4) the applicant's business license, 5) the name of an employee or a retained independent contractor who is fluent in English, and 6) proof that

the applicant is a member in good standing with the MVA.

Violations may result in monetary sanctions, revocation of a certification and/or business license, refusal to issue or renew a certification, or equitable sanctions.

Under the current law, the MVA and other government agencies are responsible for enforcement. The MVA will also allow its security guards stationed at major tourist sites to act as enforcement officials.

For an application and checklist, email info@mymarianas.com. For more information, contact MVA tour guide certification manager Kuen-Hee Han at khan@mymarianas.com or 6643200. (MVA)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Survivors, caregivers support meeting

All people facing cancer, their family members, and caregivers are invited to the next Commonwealth Cancer Association support meeting on today, Oct. 12, 2017, starting at 5:30pm at the Hyatt Regency Saipan's Chamolinian Room. To RSVP or for more information, call the CCA at 682-0050 or email at ccamarianas@gmail.com. (PR)

CNMI-OSHA outreach training on Saipan

The CNMI-OSHA Consultation Program will be conducting a free outreach training on Saipan on Oct. 24 (Tuesday) and Oct. 26, 2017 (Thursday), starting at 9am on both days, at the CNMI-OSHA Consultation Office training room.

Private sector employers interested in learning about OSHA injury and illness recordkeeping and reporting requirements are invited to participate. Seats are limited, so call Elaine Pangelinan at 664-3156 or email to Elaine.pangelinan@gmail.com to reserve your seats.

Outreach training for Rota and Tinian will be announced at a later date.

This program is voluntary, is not required by OSHA, and does not meet the training requirements of OSHA standards. (PR)

PH consulate to hold NMI outreach

The Philippine Consulate General in Guam, in coordination with the Office of Honorary Consul Eli Arago, will conduct a mobile consular outreach in the CNMI on Nov. 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17, 2017 (Monday to Friday) at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe, from 9am to 6pm.

Those who wish to renew their passport, submit your application at the Finasisu Terraces, Apartment Building D, second floor (top of the Mini-Mart Store), Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm (12pm to 1pm, break time).

For any inquiry about passport renewal, call Mel Santos at 233-6293. (PR)

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HOUSING CORPORATION,)
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-v-) NO. 16-0130
ANTONIO C. BARCINAS)
RAMONA S.N. BARCINAS,)
Defendants)

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the court in this matter on September 15, 2017, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in and to the following property: Lot no. 018 B 159, situated in Tanapag, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 901 square meters, more or less, as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat no. 018 B 29, the original of which was recorded on July 17, 1997, as Document no. 97-1706, at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office, Saipan.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on Friday, October 27, 2017, at the hour of 1:30 p.m., at the Law Offices of Michael A. White, LLC, Joeten Susupe, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public.

Terms and Conditions of Sale. The Terms and Conditions of Sale may be obtained from the undersigned, either prior to or at the sale. These terms and conditions shall govern the conduct of the sale.

DATED, this 20th day of September, 2017.

/S/ MICHAEL A. WHITE, Auctioneer

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NORTHERN MARIANAS)
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-v-) NO. 17-0024
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Weinstein case is a warning to sexual predators: Change or leave

When a guy named Harvey Weinstein is suddenly fired from a company called the Weinstein Company, it should serve as a blaring alert to every powerful person in America who has preyed on less powerful people: Don't think you can avoid the consequences.

If one of Hollywood's biggest moguls is losing his position at the successful film studio he co-founded, no harasser is safe. If this sort of behavior can't be ignored in an industry where the casting couch is a perennial cliché, no company that tolerates harassment is safe. The era in which superiors can freely subject those below them to unwanted advances or comments has ended. Those who don't change will quickly become extinct.

Weinstein's reputation was no secret in the business. In a 2012 episode of the NBC comedy series "30 Rock," a female character boasted, "I turned down intercourse with Harvey Weinstein on no less than three occasions ... out of five." But until some of his accusers went public in a *New York Times* expose last week, he was untouchable. Well, except by lawyers: The Weinstein Company had paid settlements to at least eight women in response to accusations against him.

Will this be the scandal that finally forces abusers and their employers to realize they have to change? Maybe so. But there have been plenty of other cases that should have put them all on notice.

Roger Ailes, who built Fox News into a colossus, was fired last year after some two dozen women came forward to accuse him of using his position to try to extract sexual favors. He was followed out the door by Fox News megastar Bill O'Reilly, ruined by credible allegations of similar conduct.

Uber founder Travis Kalanick was forced out as CEO for allegedly tolerating a company culture of sexual harassment.

CEO Mike Cagney got the boot from the personal finance lending startup SoFi amid multiple claims that he and some of his managers engaged in sexual harassment.

Weinstein had the power to make careers, and his accusers had much to lose by stepping forward. But he failed to grasp how the ground had shifted beneath him.

The episode should deliver a strong message to executives who think they are entitled to take advantage of those beneath them for sexual pleasure: Clean up your act or clean out your desk.

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America gets back as much as it gives

How much of the United States federal budget goes to foreign aid? When the Kaiser Family Foundation asked that question in a 2015 poll, nearly a fifth of people couldn't even venture to guess. Of those who answered, most said between 5 and 51 percent, and 10 percent of those thought we give away half of our nearly \$3.8 trillion federal budget to other nations.

In reality, foreign assistance makes up less than 1 percent of the U.S. budget. Another 1 percent or so funds the State Department. In comparison, America spends nearly five times as much on interest on our national debt.

What do Americans get in return for foreign assistance? A lot.

For starters, we are able to stop deadly diseases before they reach our shores, promote American exports, counter violent extremism, combat climate change and Russian hacking, and support our overseas embassies and strategic allies across the world. The men and women of the State Department and USAID deserve our full commitment to their safety and to providing the tools they need to advance our interests globally.

Next, we make a tangible, lasting difference in the lives of billions of people. With funding from USAID and other aid agencies, organizations such as Pact, an international development nonprofit on whose board I sit, help people around the world to live healthier, safer and more financially and physically secure lives. As we face global challenges such as the refugee crisis and violent extremism, America's leadership has never been more vital in the world.

Consider PEPFAR (the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief), a U.S. effort launched by President George W. Bush in 2003 to try to end the global HIV epidemic. Although it is perennially threatened by budget cuts, as of 2016, it had helped provide: antiretroviral treatment for 11.5 million people, care for 6 million orphans and vulnerable children, training for 220,000 new health care workers and testing and counseling for 74 million people, including 11.5 million pregnant women. We've saved millions of lives and millions of dollars at the same time. Preventing disease is a lot cheaper than treating it.

But direct recipients of such aid are not the only beneficiaries. You and I are, too. Many aid organizations, including Pact, focus on systemic, sustainable change, rather than one-time aid. This means we are creating stable, resilient communities around the world, which makes all of us safer.

And then there are the economic benefits. South Korea, Japan, Ghana, Kenya, Vietnam and Germany all once depended on U.S. aid. Now each is playing a major role in the global economy and providing stable, profitable markets for companies such as

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Coca-Cola, Apple and Microsoft. Visit any of these places and you'll find a profusion of American products and brands.

Companies from these countries, in turn, are investing in America, creating high-paying jobs from the Rust Belt to the Deep South. As of 2015, cumulative foreign direct investment in the U.S. totaled \$3.1 trillion. Among the largest investors are the United Kingdom, Japan, Germany and South Korea—all countries that rebuilt after war with America's financial support.

In 1736, when Philadelphia was threatened by fire, Benjamin Franklin wisely proclaimed, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." American investments in foreign aid save U.S. taxpayers billions because we are preventing famine, poverty, disease and war, rather than struggling with the aftermath on our own shores and around the globe.

Our leadership in the world is achieved in large part through foreign aid. I was reminded of this recently while listening to Maryland's Sen. Ben Cardin as he spoke at an event hosted by Devex in Washington, D.C., about the challenging landscape that today's development organizations face.

A true champion of U.S. foreign development assistance, Senator Cardin reminded me that America's strength is in its ideals. Our generosity, empathy and tolerance, he said, demonstrate our leadership at its best. I couldn't agree more.

It's why I decided to spend some of the first years of my professional life in Benin and South Africa working in education and basic community health. It's also why today I am the managing director of Discovery Learning Alliance, a nonprofit that uses the power of media to transform education and improve lives in the developing world.

I believe strongly in the tangible results and the values advanced through foreign aid. And at just 1 percent of our federal budget, I'd argue the wide-ranging returns are one of the best deals in Washington.

This is a 1 percent we should all be fighting for.

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Speak Chamorro and Carolinian Friday

By CATHERINE PERRY
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

The Indigenous Identify Conference on Sept. 29, 2017, at Pacific Islands Club Saipan appears to have sparked a grassroots movement in the Marianas to promote the greater usage of the Chamorro and Carolinian languages in homes, business, and public. At the conference, a few of us made an impromptu pledge to speak Chamorro or Carolinian first every Friday over the next year. The rules were simple. Speak Chamorro or Carolinian first. If necessary to accomplish the task, feel free to switch to English or other languages.

I spent my early childhood in Maine, and my first language is English. When I was a child my mother sewed a parrot patch on my bathrobe as an inside joke with my father, because apparently, I never stopped talking. I went on to major in Broadcasting and feel I had the last laugh when I started getting *paid* to talk. I initially learned Carolinian for practical reasons around age 10 when we moved to Saipan: so no one could talk about me behind my back in school! I laugh when non-speakers comment on how fluent I appear to be, because I still have a lot to learn, especially “deep” and respectful words. Of course, most Carolinians also know some Chamorro, which is why I can also understand much of what is said in Chamorro, although I am quite *apling* when I speak it.

Last Thursday I warned—I mean, informed—my Facebook friends of my intentions: “...Let’s get our language out there, yes?! *Agupa todū-hit tafan fino Chamorro yan Refaluwasch i’finenena gi gima, gi publiku, yan gi trabaju. Huggan pat ahi? Lai nge sibwe kapas Refalawasch put Remorales hom lool iimw, reel angang, me lool publiku. Aweer pat ehe?* I decided not to be too concerned if my spelling or grammar needed correction, at this point. I also made sure to tag my husband and son, who would likely have the greatest shock—I mean, adjustment. And I certainly didn’t want to have to try to explain it to them in Chamorro or Carolinian the next day!

I woke up the next morning to a text from my sister in Guam. “...I’ll try to call you on my way home tonite if it’s ok. Love you plenty. :)” The best I could reply without risking disorienting her was. “Lesoor mwaymway! Yes!” (Good morning! Yes!) Oops, I just realized we’d be talking for at least 20 minutes when she called later.

I wondered if people would be offended that I spoke to them in a language I *knew* they didn’t understand, when English was readily available. That’s when I started seriously considering

how much I could avoid communicating that day, for simplicity sake. Not such a good start to the day for a public relations professional. I also had to decide if I would speak to my husband in Chamorro, which he would hear most often in the community, or Carolinian, which might eventually (gasp!) grant him understanding of my private family conversations. I decided on Carolinian, because although he might have less exposure to it in the community, it was ultimately the language that will bring him the closest family relationships and a deeper understanding of me, his loving, wise, and beautiful wife.

My first email of the day was a brief thank you to a Guamanian for a donation, “*Un dangkulu na si Yu’use ma’ase! Si Cat*” I added a translation and a brief line of explanation, “It’s Speak Chamorro and Carolinian First Friday!” Given the Chamorro cultural renaissance on Guam, I was hopeful he’d graciously understand.

I started thinking about how happy other Chamorros and Carolinians might feel about getting a message in our native language. Probably have a good laugh at my poor spelling and grammar, too. But there would also be a sense of “us” that comes when only you share a language with someone.

Next was an email to a group, including Filipinos, Italians, and Chamorros (yes, Saipan’s like that). I made sure to start with “*Buenas dias*,” which cuts across all three cultures. Amazing, isn’t it? Again, I provided a translation and explanation. That’s also when I discovered the English-Chamorro dictionary online at glosbe.com/en/ch and learned the word *lakse*. Look it up. That’s also about the time I realized just how time-consuming emails would be that day! I read another email, and decided I could delay my “thanks” and follow-up details until after Friday. This was going to take some adjustment, and I was going to have to learn a lot more words fast.

Surprisingly, my two-line email to make an airline booking with a local travel agency prompted a quick, informative and much lengthier reply in Chamorro. So Chamorro can be first in business, too?! Three of us in the email thread had a quick exchange on how we were each enthusiastic to practice and learn our language more. My new acquaintance at the travel agency even proposed a regular email exchange to talk more.

On a side note, one thing I love about Palau (I know, there are so many things to like) is that they always speak Palauan first in public gatherings. If necessary for those in attendance, they will translate to English. They obviously highly value their language, and it remains strong.

Not everything last Friday was a breeze. A couple non-speakers seemed to shut down mentally, even when I offered just basic greetings. One fluent associate replied in broken English, which was puzzling. I was a few minutes late to an appointment due to a miscommunication on transportation. My husband got understandably a bit frustrated when I spoke to him in Carolinian and forgot to translate, leaving him totally lost. Admittedly, it was a relief when I had a couple afternoon meetings with non-speakers, so I could revert to English after salutations. And thank goodness my sister didn’t call until Saturday. By the time dinner-time rolled around, I was mentally exhausted. Speaking to other Chamorro and Carolinian speakers was easy and rewarding, but speaking and writing to non-speakers had been challenging. Dinner was a welcomed mix of speakers and non-speakers, so I got to use Carolinian, Chamorro, and English. OK, mostly English. I decided to relieve my brain next week by following the Jewish concept of a “day”; I will begin at sunset on Thursday so I can finish by sunset on Friday. Hey, if that’s how Jesus marked his days, it’s good enough for me!

My biggest surprise and encouragement was how responsive people were to the idea of Speak Chamorro and Carolinian Fridays. Many speakers were happy to speak the languages and would do so, if prompted. It seemed we just needed to make the mental shift from being on English autopilot. I also recognized I was quite hesitant to share the language with non-speakers, as I felt they would feel offended that I deliberately used a language they didn’t understand. I supposed a few words of greeting are fine, unless they’re interested in more. I mean, although Chamorro and Carolinian are also official languages of the Commonwealth, we’re not trying to beat people over the head with them; we just want to preserve and share our indigenous cultures.

Culture is contained in language. I learned two new words on the first day of this adventure: *isinentek-ku* (my feeling) and *hinasok-ku* (my thought). What beautiful words to know! If we make an effort to keep our Chamorro and Carolinian languages alive, we will keep the aspects of our cultures held in those words. Refaluwasch is the language that bonds my family, and I enjoy trying to speak Chamorro because it also builds bonds... and it gives my friends a good laugh. Let’s make “Speak Chamorro and Carolinian Friday” official in the Marianas. *Abiba i lenguahita! Mwereightei mwaliyasch!* Honor our languages! And feel free to correct my spelling.

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LITERARY NOOK

Poems and prayers for a nation in need

By JOEY ‘PEPE BATBON’ CONNOLLY
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“Let Us Be What We Are”

This title and the two lines quoted in the sonnet are from an English translation of a poem titled Water and Fire by Jose Rizal (1861-1896). According to Wikipedia, Jose Rizal was a Filipino nationalist and polymath. He was executed by the Spanish colonial government for the crime of rebellion after the Philippine Revolution broke out.

Heavy water we have for bombs containing nuclear fire
now we have ICBM rockets carry them far across space
people we have to build destructive weapons we desire
as North Korea gamely plays a deadly “catch up” race
“So let us be what we are and co-exist without ire
and may no conflagration ever find us at war.”
resist putting our deadly war horses up to the wire
lobbing missiles coast to coast and islands shore to shore
millions of Koreans would die on the DMZ both sides
survivors die from radiation poisoning over the years

skin peeling falling off their burnt and blackened hides
survivors ‘mourning and weeping in a valley of tears’
together let us make a truly global Pacific Ocean peace
and save millions of lives with no nuclear release.

Frame of Reference? Shame of Preference

Much has been written about DJ Trump’s mental health he’s called a Tweet tyrant a demagogue and narcissistic refused to show his tax returns or report enormous wealth and to the dismay of our Congress everyday unrealistic in special relativity physicists speak of frame of reference to show the dilation of time in space for relativity results Trump shows the relative nature of his shame of preference for belittling others and the total negative results of his insults he insults from the White House, rallies, and on his golf course he insults his own appointed and elected leaders left and right and just when you think oh this can not possibly get any worse Trump’s tweeting insanity continues morning, noon, and night Trump’s own Secretary of State now shows a lack of deference 45’s lack of leadership continues the shame of his preference.

Contemporary Canticle for Congressional Creatures

Thanks to St. Francis of Assisi (1181 to 1226)

To all those congressional legislative officials chosen to lead
Like animals loved by St. Francis you warrant praise and glory
It should be yours but notice how these days our nation bleeds






and sickens as they learn of your quagmire and failing story
you warrant praise for passing legislation and jobs well done
yet are stuck wallowing in stasis in a partisan political divorce
duplicity and deception prohibits praise and will get you none
with closed policy meetings and the boss out on a golf course
led down a perilous and slippery path by this self absorbed jerk
getting little accomplished while Russia monitors and laughs
it is time for compromise and getting back to positive work
listen to your electorate, read progress reports from your staff
so no praise for you in store today our lost and losing leaders
quandary and lack of legislation falls below all bottom feeders.

Prayer in Pursuit of Presidential Perception of the Perilous Plight of our Planet

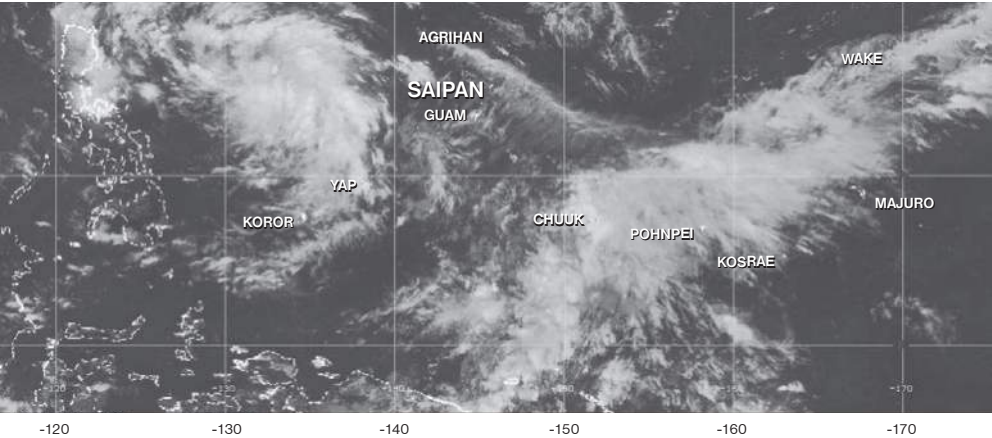
Genocide, religious wars, hurricanes, strife everywhere
Mr. President we pray you listen, pray you will wake up
Commander-in-Chief worried about golf and dye for hair
its no hole in one when you take four strokes into the cup
lay down your golf clubs and the bigly TV remote control
awareness is not reflected in your inane tweets every day
read beyond bulletin points to comprehend the whole
try and listen to what those three generals have to say
please continue bipartisan efforts up on Capitol Hill
learn to turn the other cheek when insults come back
seek rapprochement with world leaders instead of ill will
use diplomacy with No. Korea lay off negative attack
Mr. President, we pray for your awareness not for spite
understand the reason for this strife and sorrow I incite.

The Weather

5-DAY FORECAST FOR SAIPAN AND TINIAN

TODAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
				
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms.
▲ 89° ▼ 79°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°	▲ 87° ▼ 77°

YESTERDAY'S SATELLITE IMAGE



PICTURE TIME: 7:20 AM, WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2017
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A quieter weather pattern is in store over the Marianas for the next few days. Low level convergence will lessen and drier air is expected at the mid-levels so there should be less rain to contend with, only isolated showers. However, there has been some lightning strikes around this morning, so have added a slight chance of thunderstorms to the forecast. Conditions look benign through Thursday night and potentially into Friday. Then, moisture will increase again as an upper low first moves north of the area and then slides southwestward. Surface convergence increases as well. Shower and thunderstorm chances increase into the weekend as moisture increases as does convergence. It is possible that rain chances will have to be increased to scattered at some point during the Saturday through Monday period, but pinpointing exactly when is difficult this far out. Models continue to show a disturbance south of the Marianas over the weekend continuing to develop as it moves northwestward away from the area early next week.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

MICRONESIA			▲ ▼ °F
Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	
Palau	Thunderstorms	84° / 77°	
Yap	Thunderstorms	84° / 78°	
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	89° / 81°	
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°	
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	88° / 77°	
Majuro	Partly Cloudy	85° / 80°	

AROUND THE GLOBE			▲ ▼ °F
Auckland	Mostly Cloudy	64° / 55°	
Beijing	Sunny	66° / 46°	
Hong Kong	Cloudy	88° / 75°	
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	86° / 75°	
London	Mostly Sunny	63° / 54°	
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	73° / 57°	
Manila	Thunderstorms	86° / 79°	
Melbourne	Partly Cloudy	63° / 45°	
Miami	Showers	85° / 78°	
New York	Cloudy	66° / 58°	
Osaka	Showers	72° / 64°	
Paris	Partly Cloudy	70° / 52°	
Busan	Partly Cloudy	70° / 61°	
Rome	Mostly Sunny	75° / 54°	
Salem	Mostly Sunny	89° / 66°	
San Francisco	Sunny	65° / 48°	
Seoul	Showers	59° / 46°	
Tokyo	Showers	66° / 61°	
Washington, DC	Cloudy	69° / 61°	



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Anonymous tips can now be submitted through the following:

- Call 234-7272 (PARA) on any telephone
- *11 on any IT&E cellular phone
- Log on to the internet at www.nmicrimestoppers.net

TIDES: SAIPAN HARBOR TODAY			FEET
6:39 AM	LOW TIDE	-0.17	
1:58 PM	HIGH TIDE	1.79	
7:31 PM	LOW TIDE	1.17	
-	-	-	

DAY	SUNRISE	SUNSET
Today	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Friday	6:08 AM	5:58 PM
Saturday	6:08 AM	5:57 PM
Sunday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM
Monday	6:08 AM	5:56 PM

DAY	MOONRISE	MOONSET	MOONRISE
Today	-	12:11 pm	11:56 pm
Friday	-	1:08 am	10:00 pm
Saturday	12:55 am	2:00 pm	-
Sunday	1:53 am	2:50 pm	-
Monday	2:49 am	3:36 pm	-

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF OCTOBER 4, 2017

DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA6394	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA6393	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA6392	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA6395	7:15am	8:05am	Daily
UA6391	1:30pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota	UA6391	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA6390	2:20pm	3:10pm	2, 3, 6	UA6390	12:10pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6 via Rota
UA6398	6:05pm	6:55pm	Daily	UA6397	4:45pm	5:35pm	Daily
UA6396	9:50pm	10:40pm	Daily	UA6399	8:30pm	9:20pm	Daily
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)				GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA6391	1:30pm	2:05pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	12:10pm	12:45pm	2, 3, 6
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA6391	2:35pm	3:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA6390	1:15pm	1:50pm	2, 3, 6
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL297	4:15pm	7:05pm	Daily	DL298	10:20am	3:00pm	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)				BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
7C3451	3:10am	6:10am	1, 7	7C3452	9:00pm	2:10am+1	4
7C3451	4:00am	7:05am	4, 5	7C3452	9:05pm	2:10am+1	3, 6, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
TW308	1:35am	5:20am	2, 3, 4	7C3402	9:30am	3:00pm	Daily
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	TW307	7:05pm	12:35am+1	1, 2, 3
TW308	2:35am	6:20am	6, 7	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	TW307	8:05pm	1:35am+1	5, 6
ZE582	3:40am	7:00am	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3403	4:45am	8:30am	Daily	ZE581	9:00pm	2:40am+1	Daily
LJ652	4:45am	8:35am	Daily	LJ651	10:00pm	3:30am+1	Daily
7C3401	4:00pm	7:45pm	Daily	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	5:20am	8:00am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:20pm	4:30am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-HANGZHOU (GHG)				HANGZHOU (GHG)-SAIPAN			
JD396	7:00am	10:25am	1	JD395	8:10am	3:30pm	4
JD396	4:50pm	8:15pm	4	JD395	10:05pm	5:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-NANJING (NKG)				NANJING (NKG)-SAIPAN			
XP889	4:45pm	10:30pm	3, 5, 7	XP888	9:35pm	4:00am+1	1, 4, 6
SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)				GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)				BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU764	1:30am	6:35am	3, 5, 7	MU763	4:25pm	12:30am+1	2, 4, 6
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ626/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	UA190/6397	9:55am	5:35pm	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ626/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA6394/191	4:15am	8:55am	2, 3, 6, 7 via GUM	OZ702/625	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:00am	1, 2, 4, 6via GUM	UA192/6395	9:45pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via ROR-GUM
UA6394/PR111	4:15am	9:15am	3, 5, 7 via GUM	UA184/6395	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	8:50pm	5 via Rota-GUM	PR110/UA6395	10:55pm	8:05am+1	Daily via GUM
UA6391/183	1:30pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 7 via Rota-GUM	UA184/6395	11:30pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
UA6391/193	1:30pm	10:40pm	5 via Rota-GUM-ROR				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	8:50pm	2 via GUM				
UA6390/183	2:20pm	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM				
UA6390/193	2:20pm	10:40pm	2 via GUM-ROR				
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
HX077	2:00am	5:00am	1, 4	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:20am	11:40am	1 via ICN	OZ722/625	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
OZ626/721	2:50am	11:40am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	HX076	5:20pm	12:30am+1	3, 7
UO43	4:40am	8:10am	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7	UO42	6:10pm	1:00am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA6391/159	1:30pm	9:50pm	1, 5 via Rota-GUM	UA116/6395	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM
UA6390/159	2:20pm	9:50pm	3, 6 via GUM				

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Business

White House requests \$5B to ease Puerto Rico fiscal crisis

WASHINGTON (AP)—The White House on Tuesday asked Congress for \$5 billion to ease a fiscal crisis striking the government of Puerto Rico in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Puerto Rico's central government and various municipalities and other local governments are suffering unsustainable cash shortfalls as Maria has choked off revenues and strained resources. The administration's request, so far delivered informally, would provide \$4.9 billion for Puerto Rico and its local jurisdictions.

The White House also requested \$150 million to help Puerto Rico with the 10 percent match required for Federal Emergency Management Agency disaster relief.

A senior administration official confirmed the request, requiring anonymity because it is not yet official. The official stressed that jurisdictions other than Puerto Rico are eligible, but acknowledged the cash-strapped territory is sure to receive the bulk of the money.

On Saturday, Puerto Rico Gov. Ricardo Rossello sent a letter to lawmakers asking for \$500 million for the community disaster loan program, which is designed to help local governments deal with tax revenue shortfalls caused by disasters. He requested almost \$4 billion in other aid.

"In addition to the immediate humanitarian crisis, Puerto Rico is on the brink of a mas-



Dr. Milton Garland, Medical Director for AHF Puerto Rico, carries a box with medicines.

sive liquidity crisis that will intensify in the immediate future," Rossello wrote.

Hours after the request, the House Appropriations Committee unveiled a \$36.5 billion emergency spending bill that merged Tuesday's request with a proposal that the White House sent to Capitol Hill last week to replenish disaster funds and ease a cash crunch in the federal flood insurance program. A Thursday vote is expected.

"These funds are urgently needed to get resources to families and communities that are still suffering. This legislation will continue immediate relief efforts, and help jumpstart the rebuilding process," said Appropriations Committee Chairman Rodney Frelinghuysen, R-N.J.

Puerto Rico was already suffering from a lengthy recession and its government was beset with fiscal struggles to begin with. A financial control

board is overseeing its debt problems and austerity plans.

The administration asked for \$29 billion last week for FEMA disaster relief efforts and to pay federal flood insurance claims. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy said a vote is likely this week. The White House also requested \$577 million to replenish federal firefighting accounts depleted by this year's bad spate of western wildfires.

The leadership-backed House aid bill ignores requests made last week by the Texas and Florida delegations last week for tens of billions of dollars in additional assistance. Texas requested \$19 billion in Harvey relief, while Florida asked for \$27 billion for Hurricane Irma damage. House Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., issued a statement Tuesday that said funding is also needed to help California recover from ongoing wildfires.

have a gun store in a particular location, at least as long as their access is not meaningfully constrained," Judge Marsha Berzon said. The majority also rejected the argument that gun sellers' Second Amendment rights were violated, saying there is no constitutional right to sell guns. The ordinance at issue was passed by the San Francisco Bay Area county of Alameda. A phone message after hours to an attorney for groups that challenged the law was not immediately returned.

County officials to vote to repeal Chicago-area soda tax

CHICAGO (AP)—The Cook County Board's finance committee has voted to repeal a penny-per-ounce tax on

soda and other sugary drinks that has riled many Chicago-area residents. The vote sets the stage for a final vote on Wednesday to repeal the tax, which aroused the ire of consumers and retailers who say their businesses have been adversely affected. The tax passed last year when Board President Toni Preckwinkle cast the deciding vote after commissioners deadlocked on the measure. Preckwinkle has said there could be an 11 percent budget cut resulting in layoffs with repeal of the tax. The committee on Tuesday voted 15-1 for repeal of the tax. Preckwinkle has not said whether she will veto the repeal measure. However, those supporting repeal say they have enough votes to override a veto.

Nation

Could Las Vegas police have taken down gunman sooner?

By MICHAEL BALSAMO
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The revised timeline given by investigators for the Las Vegas massacre raises questions about whether better communication might have allowed police to respond more quickly and take out the gunman before he could kill and wound so many people.

On Monday, Sheriff Joe Lombardo said Stephen Paddock shot and wounded a Mandalay Bay hotel security guard outside his door and sprayed 200 bullets down the hall six minutes before he opened fire Oct. 1 from his high-rise suite on a crowd at a country music festival below.

That was a different account from the one police gave last week: that Paddock shot the unarmed guard, Jesus Campos, after unleashing his barrage of fire on the crowd, where 58 people were killed and hundreds injured.

Late Tuesday, a spokeswoman for Mandalay Bay questioned the latest timeline of events provided by police.

"We cannot be certain about the most recent time-

line that has been communicated publicly (sic), and we believe what is currently being expressed may not be accurate," said Debra DeShong, a spokeswoman for MGM Resorts International, which owns the Mandalay Bay hotel casino.

The sheriff had previously hailed Campos as a "hero" whose arrival in the hallway may have led Paddock to stop firing. But on Monday, Lombardo said he didn't know what prompted Paddock to end the gunfire and take his own life.

How crucial were the minutes that elapsed before the massacre began?

"This changes everything," said Joseph Giacalone, a professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and a former New York City police sergeant. "There absolutely was an opportunity in that timeframe that some of this could've been mitigated."

Giacalone added: "By engaging the shooter ahead of time during this event, it could've saved a lot of



Paddock

heartache."

Campos reportedly told hotel security dispatchers that he was shot before Paddock opened fire on the crowd, Assistant Sheriff Tom Roberts told

The Los Angeles Times. Campos ran down the hall, away from Paddock's room, after he was shot and may have used both his radio and a hallway phone to call for help, he said.

It wasn't clear exactly what time Campos called for help or if the hotel had relayed the information about the shooting to police. Las Vegas police did not respond to questions from The Associated Press about whether hotel security or anyone else in the hotel called 911 to report the hallway shooting.

A representative for Campos' union didn't immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

"Our officers got there as fast as they possibly could and they did what they were trained to do," another Las Vegas assistant sheriff, Todd Fasulo, said Tuesday.

Wildfires leave chimneys, charred appliances in their wake

SANTA ROSA, Calif. (AP)—The flames that raced across California wine country left little more than smoldering ashes and eye-stinging smoke in their wake. House after house is gone, with only brick chimneys and charred laundry machines to mark sites that were once family homes.

The wildfires burned so hot that windows and tire rims melted off cars, leaving many vehicles resting on their steel axles. In one driveway, the glass backboard of a basketball hoop melted, dripped and solidified like a mangled icicle.

Newly homeless residents of Northern California took stock of their shattered lives Tuesday while the blazes that have killed at least 17 people and destroyed more than 2,000 homes and businesses kept burning. Hundreds more firefighters joined the battle against the uncontained flames.

"This is just pure devastation, and it's going to take us a while to get out and comb through all of this,"

said Ken Pimlott, chief of the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection. He said the state had "several days of fire weather conditions to come."

The wildfires already rank among the five deadliest in California history, and officials expected the death toll to increase as the scope of destruction becomes clear. At least 185 people were injured during the blazes that started Sunday night. Nearly 200 people were reported missing in Sonoma County alone.

Seventeen wildfires raged Tuesday across parts of seven counties. Fire crews and other resources were being rushed in from other parts of the state and Nevada.

More than 240 members of the California National Guard helped ferry fuel to first responders because so many gas stations were without power. Guard members were also helping with medical evacuations and security at evacuation centers, said Maj. Gen. David Baldwin.

In addition to knocking out electricity, the blazes dam-

aged or destroyed 77 cellular sites, disrupting communication services that officials were rushing to restore, said Emergency Operations Director Mark Ghilarducci.

The fires that started Sunday night moved so quickly that thousands of people were forced to flee with only a few minutes of warning. Some did not get out in time.

"It's literally like it exploded. These people ran out of their homes literally with minutes notice, barely with the clothes on their back," Pimlott said, adding that authorities didn't have time to give more notice. "They burned so quickly, there was not time to notify everybody."

Among the victims were 100-year-old Charles Rippey and his wife, Sara, who was 98. The couple was married for 75 years and lived in a residential neighborhood in Napa.

Their son, Mike Rippey, said he and his siblings couldn't imagine how either parent would have navigated life if just one had survived the flames.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Court: Counties can restrict the location of gun stores

SAN FRANCISCO (AP)—Counties can restrict the location of gun stores without violating the Second Amendment, a federal appeals court said Tuesday. The ruling by an 11-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a California county's ordinance banning new gun stores within 500 feet (152 meters) of schools, day-care centers, residential areas, liquor stores and other gun shops. A majority of the panel said the law did not violate the Second Amendment right to bear arms of would-be gun owners because there were other stores in the county where they could buy a gun. "Gun buyers have no right to

Asia

S. Korean lawmaker says North Korea hacked war plans

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—A South Korean lawmaker says North Korean hackers stole highly classified military documents that include U.S.-South Korean wartime “decapitation strike” plans against the North Korean leadership.

The United States, meanwhile, staged another show of force meant to deter any North Korean aggression by flying two B-1B supersonic bombers Tuesday night from an air base in the U.S. territory of Guam to the South for drills with South Korean jets. Such flights by the powerful aircraft based in Guam incense the North, which claims they are preparation for war; Pyongyang has threatened to send missiles into the waters around Guam.

If confirmed, the reported hacking attack by the North would be a major blow for South Korea at a time when its relations with rival North Korea are at a low point. The South has taken an increasingly aggressive stance toward the North's belligerence amid back-and-forth threats of war between North Korea and U.S. President Donald Trump. North Korea's possession of secret war plans would require a major overhaul of how South Korea and its ally Washington would respond if there's another war on the Korean Peninsula.

An unusually aggressive approach to the North by Trump, which has included

rhetoric hinting at U.S. strikes and threatening the destruction of North Korea's leadership, has some South Koreans fearful that war is closer than at any time since the Korean War ended in 1953 in a shaky ceasefire, leaving the Korean Peninsula still technically in a state of war.

Rep. Lee Cheol-hee, a lawmaker for the ruling Democratic Party who sits on the National Defense Committee, said defense sources told him that North Korean hackers last year stole the classified U.S.-South Korean war plans, including parts of Operational Plan 5015, which includes procedures for a decapitation strike on the North's leadership if a crisis breaks out or appears imminent.

The Defense Ministry after an investigation said in May that North Korea was likely behind the hacking of the Defense Integrated Data Center in September last year, but had refused to confirm media speculation that the decapitation strike plan was compromised. Defense officials refused to comment Wednesday.

Lee, who didn't specify his sources, said the plans allegedly stolen by the North include operations for tracking the movement of the North's leadership, isolating their hideouts, executing air assaults and follow-up actions for securing and eliminating targets, which would obviously include North Korean

leader Kim Jong Un.

“There is an urgent need for the military to change and update parts that were stolen by North Korea,” Lee said.

A pre-emptive strike against Pyongyang's leadership would be difficult to undertake, but it's widely seen as the most realistic of the limited military options Seoul has to deny a nuclear attack from its rival.

Outside governments and international human rights organizations say Kim rules as a tyrant over a largely malnourished and abused population while enjoying a luxurious lifestyle backed up by a weapons program nearly advanced enough to viably target the U.S. mainland with nuclear-tipped missiles. But Kim, the third generation of his family to rule, is officially revered in the North, and any suggestion of removing him from power is taken extremely seriously in Pyongyang.

Lee said that 235 gigabytes of military documents were taken, but the military has yet to identify 80 percent of the documents that were compromised. Other stolen data included contingency plans for South Korean special forces and information on military facilities and power plants, he said.

Seoul says North Korea has repeatedly staged cyberattacks on South Korean business and government websites. North Korea routinely denies responsibility.

dhist monks and men wearing Muslim skullcaps sitting apart. More than half a million Rohingya have fled into Bangladesh after Myanmar security forces carried out what they called clearance operations in response to attacks on police posts by Muslim insurgents in August. The U.N. has called it “text-book ethnic cleansing.” Myanmar's Buddhist majority denies that Rohingya Muslims are a separate ethnic group and regards them as illegal immigrants.

Navy relieves of duties top officers of wrecked US warship

TOKYO (AP)—The commander and executive officer of the USS John S. McCain were relieved of their duties Wednesday due to lost confidence after the warship and an oil tanker collided near Singapore in August. The cause of the Aug. 21 collision is still under investigation but the U.S. Navy described it as preventable. The Navy statement said Cmdr. Alfredo J. Sanchez and the ship's executive officer, Cmdr. Jessie L. Sanchez, were reassigned. The crash killed 10 U.S. sailors and injured five more. It was one of several accidents in the region that raised concern over the safety and operational effectiveness of U.S. naval vessels. Some Navy officials have cited strains from frequent extended deployments, delayed maintenance and nearly a decade of budget constraints and reductions in resources devoted to training as factors.

World

Catalan leader stakes claim to independence, then delays it

BARCELONA, Spain

(AP)—Catalan separatists on Tuesday signed what they called a declaration of independence from Spain to cheers and applause in the regional parliament. Catalonia's president said he would delay implementing it for several weeks to give dialogue a chance.

Spain, however, called an emergency Cabinet meeting for Wednesday morning and gave little indication it is willing to talk.

In his highly anticipated speech, regional President Carles Puigdemont said the landslide victory in a disputed Oct. 1 referendum gave his government the grounds to implement its long-held desire to break century-old ties with Spain.

But he proposed that the regional parliament “suspend the effects of the independence declaration to commence a dialogue, not only for reducing tension but for reaching an accord on a solution to go forward with the demands of the Catalan people.”

“We have to listen to the voices that have asked us to give a chance for dialogue with the Spanish state,” Puigdemont said.

The central government in Madrid responded that it did not accept the declaration of independence by the separatists and did not consider the referendum or its results to be valid. Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Soraya Saenz de Santamaria



Catalan regional President Carles Puigdemont signs an independence declaration document after a parliamentary session in Barcelona, Spain, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017. AP

said an emergency Cabinet meeting had been called for Wednesday.

The Catalan leader “doesn't know where he is, where he is going and with whom he wants to go,” she said.

Saenz de Santamaria said the government couldn't accept the Catalan government's validation of its referendum law because it is suspended by the Constitutional Court, or the results of the Oct. 1 vote because it was illegal and void of guarantees.

She said Puigdemont had put Catalonia “in the greatest level of uncertainty seen yet.”

One of the government's options at the Wednesday meeting could be to set about applying Article 155 of the Constitution, which allows the central government to take some or total control of any of its 17 regions that don't comply with their legal obligations. This would begin with a Cabinet meeting and a

warning to the regional government to fall into line. Then, the Senate could be called to approve the measure.

Puigdemont also could be called in for questioning in court and possibly arrested.

Following his speech, the Catalan leader was the first to sign the document titled “Declaration of the Representatives of Catalonia.” Dozens of other separatist lawmakers signed it after him.

The signatories said the document was a full declaration of independence.

Joan Barcelo, a researcher on political conflicts at Washington University in St. Louis, said the mixed messages sent by Puigdemont's speech did little in his effort to rally international support.

“It's a mess and a mistake in political communication strategy,” Barcelo said. “He was trying not to burn bridges to dialogue, but he's going to create doubts among his supporters.”

13 dead, 8 badly wounded in prison riot in northern Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)—At least 13 inmates died in a prison riot in northern Mexico that authorities ended with lethal force, a state security official said late Tuesday.

Spokesman Aldo Fasci said the riot occurred at the state prison in Cadereyta and the death toll could climb because eight people were in critical condition.

All afternoon Tuesday, desperate families battled authorities outside the prison gates, demanding information about their relatives inside as black smoke poured from several points inside the facility.

Several hours of attempted negotiations failed and police using non-lethal force were unable to quell the riot, Fasci said. So authorities decided to use lethal force to protect the lives of the guards and the prisoners.

Authorities could see

through video monitors that at least one prisoner had already been killed and guards had been taken hostage, Fasci said. The guards were being held and beaten on the roof.

“If they had not taken these decisions right now we would be talking about many more dead,” Fasci said.

The trouble started Monday night when one of the half-dozen gangs that are normally kept apart inside the prison protested. The protest died down, but early Tuesday morning fighting broke out and a prisoner was killed and his body burned, Fasci said.

When police first went in trying to take control they were met by about 150 prisoners who attacked them with metal tools and rubble from work that was being carried out inside the prison.

No guards were killed in

the violence, but a police officer was gravely wounded with a punctured lung.

It is 4,000 inmates against 300 guards, Fasci said, adding the facility was not designed for that many prisoners or prisoners of the risk level it holds.

“It's very difficult to keep them in order,” he said.

He said autopsies would be required to determine how many were killed by other inmates and how many by authorities. At least two appeared to have died from bullet wounds.

In March, four inmates in the same prison died after they took control of a prison pharmacy and apparently overdosed.

In another prison in Nuevo Leon, 49 prisoners died when two factions of the Zetas cartel clashed in February 2016.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Video in Malaysian court shows practice before Kim attack

SHAH ALAM, Malaysia (AP)—The Vietnamese suspect in the assassination of the estranged half brother of North Korea's leader was seen on airport security video presented in court Wednesday smearing something on a person's face two days before Kim Jong Nam was killed in that manner. The footage showed Doan Thi Huong running toward a person from behind and wiping his face, then clasping her hands and slightly bowing before moving away. Describing other security videos the day of the murder, police officer Wan Azirul Nizam Che Wan Aziz testified Huong was more “aggressive” when she approached Kim Jong Nam compared to the practice incident. Wan Azirul, the chief police investigator, said Huong arrived at the Kuala Lumpur airport two hours before the attack and bought a taxi voucher.

Myanmar ruling party holds harmony rally as Rohingya flee

YANGON, Myanmar (AP)—Myanmar's ruling party has held an interfaith rally that it said would promote religious harmony as thousands of Rohingya Muslims continue to flee persecution in northern Rakhine state. In Yangon, around 20,000 people lit candles in a soccer stadium on Tuesday night and said prayers. A Muslim religious leader, Hafiz Mufti Ali, addressed the crowd from a podium. Video showed Bud-

Focus

By JACQUELINE CHARLES
MIAMI HERALD

SALYBIA, Dominica—In the ruins of his hurricane-ravaged nation, Dominica Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit sees the homes that have to be razed, the hospital and clinics that collapsed and the power lines that failed.

But amid the overwhelming destruction wrought by a powerful Hurricane Maria last month, Skerrit also sees opportunity. On Sunday, as U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres wrapped up a 24-hour visit here and to Antigua and Barbuda, Skerrit presented a bold rebuilding plan for a tiny country that today can barely provide food and water for its people but wants to be a model for the Caribbean.

lion reconstruction bill, calls for more renewable energy and less fossil fuels, hospitals and clinics that won't become paralyzed by power outages, infrastructure built around the environment and crops capable of withstanding today's climate swings.

"The intensity of hurricanes are increasing and we need to ensure we can build better, resilient infrastructure," said Skerrit, who arrived in Washington Monday ahead of a World Bank and International Monetary Fund meeting this week to press his case for assistance. "We're going to need significant sums of resources."

But if almost half a billion dollars was required to rebuild after Erika, Maria's damage — coupled with the push to climate-proof the new con-

bean, but the final report will give a better idea of what island nations are up against. And that doesn't include rebuilding to climate-resistant standards.

Guterres welcomed Skerrit's vision, which dovetails with that of Antigua and Barbuda Prime Minister Gaston Browne, who announced that he, too, plans to transform Barbuda into a green, climate-resilient island. But Guterres added that the Caribbean leaders cannot rebuild their islands, much less make them more climate resilient, on their own. They will need the help of the international community, he said, through low-interest loans and new kinds of financing.

"This is going to be a battle," Guterres told the Miami Herald, of the push to get the

ers don't need convincing about the devastating effects of warmer temperatures and rising sea levels. Skerrit and Browne, whose countries were hammered by two Category 5 storms within 12 days, are convinced that a changed planet is going to require new tactics for life in paradise. And they have found a champion in Guterres.

"We need to preserve our paradises. We need to make climate protection our top priority," the U.N. chief said. "The link between climate change and the devastation is real and there is a collective responsibility by the international community to stop this suicidal event."

A believer in the fight to combat climate change — long before 147 countries in

"Before, there were droughts every 10 years, then every five years. Now every two years there is a drought ... more people are being forced to move," he said. "Climate change will be one of the main drivers of displacement in the world."

As he flew over parts of Dominica Sunday aboard a World Food Program flight, Guterres was shocked by the level of "systematic devastation" blanketing the country.

"Not a single leaf," he said, looking at the trees below that had been stripped down to sticks.

The pride of nature preservationists, Dominica has been known as Nature's Island. The rainforest is devoid of life, its colorful parrots and wildlife scattered, and the lush green mountains have turned brown. Twenty-six are confirmed

stroyed homes littered the land. Kalinago Chief Charles Williams welcomed him, telling the crowd that while Maria was a natural disaster, it was God's will.

But Guterres offered those gathered a different viewpoint. "These disasters, they are largely due not to God's will but to what the people on the planet are doing. ... The people on this planet have not been taking care of this planet and especially the developed world."

Guterres said he knows that there are non-believers when it comes to climate change. But even though President Donald Trump seems intent on having the U.S. exit the Paris climate accord and Monday's decision will make it difficult for the U.S. to curb emissions, Guterres said he remains hopeful.

AP
A helicopter of the Puerto Rican National Guard flies off after delivering food and water to victims of Hurricane Maria, at the San Lorenzo neighborhood of Morovis, Puerto Rico, Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017.

Amid wreckage of hurricane-devastated Caribbean, leaders see a climate change opening

He wants to transform Dominica, he said, into the "world's first climate-resistant nation in the climate change era." And he wants the United Nations — and Guterres — at his side on the front lines.

"Our devastation is so complete that our recovery has to be total," Skerrit said. "We have a unique opportunity to be an example to the world, an example of how an entire nation rebounds from disaster and how an entire nation can be climate resilient for the future."

"We did not choose this opportunity. We did not wish it," he added. "Having had it thrust upon us, we have chosen actively and decisively to be that example to the world."

The plan, which began in 2015 after Tropical Storm Erika's floods and mudslides left the island with a \$482 mil-

lion reconstruction — will likely cost many times that amount. Skerrit said his government has invited several independent agencies to assess how much money Dominica will need. Similar economic studies are also being conducted on hurricane-struck Barbuda — which Guterres toured on foot Saturday — along with the British Virgin Islands, Anguilla and the Turks and Caicos.

"The intensity of hurricanes and multiplication of hurricanes in the Caribbean in this season is not an accident," Guterres stressed during his visit. "It is the result of climate change."

Stephen O'Malley, the U.N. resident coordinator for Barbados and the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, said he estimates the recovery costs will total about \$1 billion for the hurricane-struck eastern Carib-

bean, but the final report will give a better idea of what island nations are up against. And that doesn't include rebuilding to climate-resistant standards.

While no country can be completely impervious to climate change, Guterres said, changes can help, such as new construction standards and farming techniques to resist drought and deluge.

The discussion among top Caribbean leaders contrasts with their closest neighbors in the U.S. In Florida, Gov. Rick Scott has avoided taking a position on climate change and on Monday, the Trump administration announced it plans to repeal former President Barack Obama's signature policy to curb greenhouse gas emissions from coal-fired power plants.

But in the Caribbean, lead-

Paris agreed to reduce greenhouse gases and help poor countries adapt — Guterres' drive to address the issue is a personal one, coming from his own experience.

He learned from scientific contacts and research while organizing university seminars on innovation and sustainable development in his native Portugal, where he also served as the country's prime minister. From his engineering background, he gleaned an understanding of how building a dam in Portugal to combat forecasts of five years of drought help stave off a crisis.

And his former role as the U.N.'s high commissioner for refugees has helped, too, when he had to respond to a wave of African farmers from the Sahel region fleeing to Europe because of changing weather patterns.

dead and 31 are missing, Skerrit said.

"I have never seen anywhere else in the world a forest completely decimated without a single leaf on any tree," Guterres said. Though he had witnessed the devastation in Barbuda, that island is linked to a bigger one, Antigua, which can support it. In Dominica, an entire nation was flattened.

Guterres and Skerrit visited Salybia, a farming village in the Kalinago territory, where descendants of the island's indigenous population, formerly known as Caribs, live. Aid packets of rice, tuna, lentils, flour and salt were being distributed by U.N. humanitarian agencies in cooperation with the government and local authorities. Nearby, wood and chunks of concrete from de-

"There is a strong commitment of the American society to make sure that the engagement the U.S. assumed in Paris will be met," he said. "And this gives me a lot of optimism. It's one thing what the government decides, but it's another thing what a society will do."

Seeing the devastation of Irma and Maria up close only reinforced his feelings.

"It confirms everything I felt," he said, as the plane approached Guadeloupe. "When you see this level of destruction, you feel a huge sense of solidarity with these people. They do not contribute to climate change, but they are the first victims of climate change. It's a moral responsibility that is very, very important for me. I feel reassured that I am doing the right thing."

Environment

The first casualty of North Korean nuclear tests?
The country's environment

By BARBARA DEMICK
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NEW YORK—Mount Paektu is an active volcano that occupies a revered place in Korean legend as the birthplace of the Korean people. But it may be paying a price for their division.

Located on the border of North Korea and China, the volcano has been appropriated by Pyongyang as the “sacred mountain of the revolution.” Propagandists for the Communist state spin a tale, most likely apocryphal, that the late leader Kim Jong Il was born there while his father was a guerrilla fighting the Japanese.

The sacred mountain, however, is just 60 miles from the site where North Korea, now led by Kim’s son, Kim Jong Un, tested its sixth and most powerful nuclear weapon on Sept. 3.

Shortly afterward, Chinese authorities closed part of the tourist park on their side of the border because of rock slides. Chinese authorities would not say definitively whether the nuclear test was to blame, but seismologists think it is likely.

The explosion registered as a magnitude 6.3 earthquake and was blamed for water bottles rolling off tables and furniture toppling in China, and apartment buildings rattling all the way to the Russian port city of Vladivostok.

It is just one example of the way that North Korea’s headlong rush to become a nuclear power is degrading the environment in and around the country’s borders.

The first casualty is inside North Korea itself, around the rugged, granite mountains of North Hamgyong province. All six of North Korea’s nuclear tests have taken place there at a site known as Punggye-Ri.

Satellite images taken after the last test show numerous landslides around the site as well as water leaking from the entrance to one of the tunnels, according to 38 North, an academic website on Korea run by Johns Hopkins University.

“These disturbances are more numerous and widespread than seen after any of the North’s previous five tests, and include additional slippage in pre-existing landslide scars and a possible subsidence crater,” the report said.

Another analysis of satellite data found that Mount Mantap, a 7,000-foot peak above the test site, lost a little elevation from the force of the un-

derground explosion.

“It did move the mountain,” said Jeffrey Lewis, director of the East Asia Nonproliferation Program at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey.

He said he believes, however, that there has been no significant leakage of radiation because the test took place in a tunnel more than 3,000 feet below and notes that the visible damage was less extensive than after underground tests in Pakistan.

“The North Koreans seem to be pretty good at this. They’ve buried their test site well,” he said.

After the nuclear test, the ground around the test site continued to rumble. Seismologists were particularly stumped by a tremor recorded Sept. 23 that appeared to be a magnitude 3.4 earthquake under Mount Mantap, an area that does not ordinarily experience earthquakes. A joint report published by the Chinese Academy of Sciences and the University of California, Santa Cruz concluded that tunnels in the test site collapsed.

“It was the mountain collapsing into the cavity created by the explosion ... hundreds of meters below the surface,” said Thorne Lay, a professor at UC Santa Cruz.

What analysts are looking for in the satellite images are fissures and craters — which would indicate a breach in the mountain large enough to allow radiation in dangerous quantities to vent to the outside.

“These are minor landslides, nothing like you see in California with mud pouring down,” said Joseph Bermudez, a leading expert on the North Korean military and one of the authors of the 38 North report.

“Still, if I were near any nuclear test site, I would be concerned about the environment, especially an active test site,” Bermudez added. “History has shown there are often leakages ... and North Korea has not had a really great record as far as environmental protection.”

North Korea has conducted all six of its nuclear tests around the same site. The Sept. 3 test involved a device estimated at 250 kilotons — 17 times the force of the bomb that destroyed Hiroshima, Japan, in 1945.

“Every country that has



developed a nuclear program has harmed its own people,” said Matthew McKinzie, director of the nuclear program at the Natural Resources Defense Council.

He compares the situation to East Germany, where the extent of environmental degradation wasn’t known until after reunification in 1990.

The satellite photographs taken after the last test show water draining from the test site that was likely forced out from underground by explosion and could leach into the groundwater. A stream near the test site runs to the nearest sizable city, Kilju, some 25 miles away.

Even closer is the Hwasong labor camp, which is nestled next to Mount Mantap and houses an estimated 20,000 political prisoners and their families. North Korean defectors in South Korea have said they believe prisoners were used to dig the tunnels of the nuclear test complex.

Satellite images also show that North Korea has failed to dispose safely of nuclear waste.

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† Timang
Ngirailild Aguon

"And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away"

Rev 21:4

Born on June 18, 1962 and departed to join her
Maker on September 24th, 2017.

Predeceased by:
Mother: †Namiko Ngirailild Louis
Brother: †Tony Ngirailild

Survived by:
Father: Tobias F Aguon, and step mom Lily Aguon

Husband: Rahman MD Manjuar

Children:
Alaric Aguon (Yuko)- Kailie Neni and Leah Moana
Lucky Chanzlyn Jackson (Tony)
Hendrik B. Perry

Siblings:
Johnson Ngirailild (Selerina)
Rufino Aguon (Carol)
Thelma A Gaymann (Peter)
Ismael Aguon(Marlene)
Swingly Aguon(Vivian)
Clyde Aguon (Gwendolyn)

Janice Aguon(Benson)
Wise Aguon (Livy)
Jones Aguon
Scott Katosang
Shaft Katosang
Kimberly Hilbert
Agnes Louis

She is additionally survived by numerous
nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Viewing service and last respect to be paid at Borja Funeral Home Divine Mercy Chapel in
Chalan Kanoa on October 14, 2017, Saturday from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

Please use the parking in the back of the building.

Evening Prayers will be from October 11th to October 13th at 7:30pm at her brother
Rufino Aguon's residence in Talisai Avenue, Kagman II.

We, the family thank everyone for all your thoughts, help and many prayers during this time of sorrow.

Life & Style

Georgina Chapman announces she will leave Harvey Weinstein

NEW YORK (AP)—Designers Georgina Chapman and Keren Craig are two fashion swans worthy of the red carpet gowns they create for A-list stars. So exactly how will their dramatic luxury brand Marchesa fare in the onslaught of sexual abuse claims against Chapman's disgraced husband, Harvey Weinstein?

Chapman took what some believed was her only brand-saving leap Tuesday as allegations against Weinstein mounted, breaking her silence when she told *People* she was leaving the film mogul she married in 2007. The divorce revelation, following Weinstein's remarks last week that she was standing by her man,

came as some on social media called for a Marchesa boycott.

"My heart breaks for all the women who have suffered tremendous pain because of these unforgivable actions. I have chosen to leave my husband. Caring for my young children is my first priority and I ask the media for privacy at this time," Chapman said in her statement.

Marchesa did not respond to requests for comment Tuesday.

As fashion fairytales go, this one is a classic—for Chapman and Weinstein, to be sure, but also for Chapman and Craig. The pair has been best friends since they met as teens in a life drawing class nearly a quarter century ago at the Chelsea College of Art & Design in London,

Elle magazine wrote in 2011.

The Marchesa origin story reads like this: The 41-year-old Chapman was an actress working as a costume designer in 2003 when she was spotted at a party in one of her own designs by the late fashion magazine editor and muse Isabella Blow, who urged her to focus on the art of evening dressing. Chapman and Craig were already considering a company of their own at the time, founding the brand in 2004, the year Chapman met Weinstein at a party in New York City.

Though they didn't date at



Weinstein

first, the blog Jezebel noted Chapman's coming out on the arm of Weinstein at the 2005 Golden Globe Awards. Marchesa had already dressed Renee Zellweger for the UK premiere of "Bridget Jones: The Edge of Reason" in 2004 and Cate Blanchett at the premiere of "The Aviator," executive produced by Weinstein, that same year.

At the 2005 Globes, Diane Kruger wore Marchesa. She was starring in "National Treasure," produced by Disney, Miramax's parent company at the time, Jezebel reported.

Weinstein and Chapman

have two small children, ages 7 and 4. After their marriage, they presided as a Hollywood power couple as Marchesa continued to feast on the fruits of Weinstein's celebrity connections. The axis on red carpets has continued through the years.

Marketing researcher Robert Passikoff, president of the New York-based consultancy Brand Keys, said only time will tell exactly how Marchesa does in the Weinstein fallout, especially among non-famous consumers as opposed to red carpet stars.

"When the house is still burning people comment about the flames and the smoke," he said. "A month later, when people are just looking at the ashes, they tend

to forget about these things."

On the backs of celebrities, will craftsmanship win out over Weinstein influence-peddling that helped put Marchesa in the limelight? Angelina Jolie and Gwyneth Paltrow have lined up with numerous other women to allege mistreatment, first reported Thursday by The New York Times.

"He may have been the doorway in but the fact is the clothes make the women," Passikoff said. "It's ultimately how the designers behave in this situation that will have a greater effect than all of the stuff that he did."

Chapman's move toward divorce will speak volumes in that regard.

NEW YORK (AP)—A flood of allegations poured in Tuesday against Harvey Weinstein in on-the-record reports that detailed claims of sexual abuse and included testimonies from Gwyneth Paltrow and Angelina Jolie, further intensifying the already explosive collapse of the disgraced movie mogul.

Three women accused Weinstein of raping them in a story published online by The New Yorker, including the Italian actress and filmmaker Asia Argento and a woman who was an aspiring actress in college when she caught Weinstein's eye. A representative for the mogul vehemently denied the allegations in a statement to the magazine.

In a follow-up to its earlier expose, The New York Times also reported Tuesday that many other actresses have in recent days added to the chorus of accusations surrounding Weinstein. Paltrow described Weinstein's attempt to lure her, then 22, into giving him a massage in a hotel room. The incident prompted her then-boyfriend Brad Pitt to angrily confront Weinstein at a film premiere.

Both reports significantly ratcheted up the unfolding scandal surrounding Weinstein, who was fired Sunday from the Weinstein Co. By the end of Tuesday, former President Barack Obama, Hillary Clinton, an array of movie stars and Weinstein's own wife, Georgina Chapman, had issued statements condemning Weinstein's alleged conduct. Chapman told *People* magazine she was leaving her husband after 10 years of marriage, citing Weinstein's "unforgivable actions."

The published stories thoroughly document the systematic harassment, abuse and in-

Paltrow, Jolie join flood of allegations against Weinstein

timidation of women—almost always young actresses trying to succeed in movies.

Lucia Evans, then a senior at Middlebury College, said Weinstein forced her to perform oral sex on him in 2004 at the Miramax offices in Tribeca. She had been brought in for a casting meeting with Weinstein. Argento said Weinstein forcibly performed oral sex on her at the Cannes Film Festival in 1999. A third woman spoke anonymously.

"I know he has crushed a lot of people before," Argento told The New Yorker. "That's why this story—in my case, it's twenty years old, some of them are older—has never come out."

Attorneys for Weinstein, 65, did not immediately return messages Tuesday. The New Yorker quoted Weinstein representative Sallie Hofmeister responding that "any allegations of non-consensual sex are unequivocally denied by Mr. Weinstein."

"Mr. Weinstein has further confirmed that there were never any acts of retaliation against any women for refusing his advances. Mr. Weinstein obviously can't speak to anonymous allegations, but with respect to any women who have made allegations on the record, Mr. Weinstein believes that all of these relationships were consensual," said Hofmeister. "Mr. Weinstein has begun counseling, has listened to the community and is pursuing a better path. Mr. Weinstein is hoping that, if he makes enough progress, he will be given a

second chance."

The New Yorker story, written and researched by the NBC correspondent Ronan Farrow, claimed that thirteen women have said Weinstein sexually harassed or assaulted them between 1990 and 2015.

The incidents described range from unwanted groping to forced sex. Some of those incidents overlap with the eight allegations of sexual harassment previously reported by The New York Times, all of which resulted in financial settlements.

But they also go much further. In the article, Rosanna Arquette and Mira Sorvino are among those who claim Weinstein sexually harassed them.

Arquette described a 1990s incident at a Beverly Hills hotel in which Weinstein tried to make her give him a massage and then attempted to lead her hand to his penis. Afterward, the actress told the magazine, "He made things very difficult for me for years."

"I had a bad experience with Harvey Weinstein in my youth, and as a result, chose never to work with him again and warn others when they did," Jolie said in an email to the Times. "This behavior towards women in any field, any country is unacceptable."

Representatives for the actresses involved in both reports did not return messages seeking comment.

The Italian news agency ANSA said it contacted Argento about the story, and said she re-

sponded with a text message that read: "It's all true, everything is written in the New Yorker. Now leave me in peace."

Actress Louise Loe ("Two and a Half Men") also came forward Tuesday, announcing in a press conference at Gloria Allred's Los Angeles office that in a 2008 meeting at the Sundance Film Festival, Weinstein appeared nude in an open bathrobe and asked several times that she watch him masturbate.

The New Yorker also reported that 16 former and current executives and assistants at The Weinstein Co. and Miramax either witnessed or knew of Weinstein's unwanted sexual advances. "All sixteen said the behavior was widely known within both Miramax and the Weinstein Company."

The Weinstein Co. board of directors, which includes Weinstein's brother Bob, issued a statement late Tuesday, denying any culpability.

"These alleged actions are antithetical to human decency. These allegations come as an utter surprise to the board. Any suggestion that the board had knowledge of this conduct is false," the four-member board said in a statement. "We are committed to assisting with our full energies in all criminal or other investigations of these alleged acts, while pursuing justice for the victims and a full and independent investigation of our own."

Disney, which purchased Miramax in 1993, also responded Tuesday. The Weinsteins departed in 2005 to found The Weinstein Co.



Paltrow



Jolie

ing Ashley Judd.

Weinstein responded to the report in a lengthy, rambling statement in which he pleaded for a second chance and apologized for the pain he had caused.

Since his firing, much of Hollywood has reacted with disgust and outrage, including Meryl Streep, Lena Dunham, Jennifer Lawrence and George Clooney. Congressional Democrats, including Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and Massachusetts Senator Elizabeth Warren, have given charities thousands of dollars in donations they had received from Weinstein.

In a statement on Twitter on Tuesday, Clinton said she was "shocked and appalled" by the revelations about Weinstein. She praised the women coming forward: "Their courage and the support of others is critical in helping to stop this kind of behavior."

Obama and his wife, Michelle, released a joint statement Tuesday evening expressing disgust with Weinstein.

"Any man who demeans and degrades women in such fashion needs to be condemned and held accountable, regardless of wealth or status. We should celebrate the courage of women who have come forward to tell these painful stories," the statement said.

"I am saddened and angry that a man who I worked with used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass and manipulate many women over decades," Ben Affleck wrote in a statement Tuesday. "The additional allegations of assault that I read this morning made me sick. This is completely unacceptable, and I find myself asking what I can do to make sure this doesn't happen to others."

'Legends' star shatters stereotypes with Muslim superhero

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP)—Actress Tala Ashe is thrilled to debut her new character, a Muslim-American superhero joining season three of "DC's Legends of

Tomorrow."

It's a particularly poignant moment for the Iranian-born, Ohio native, who described the "incredibly painful" experience of por-

traying cliched characters in the past.

One of her first gigs was on a soap opera. Ashe took the role to pay the bills, but said she would never agree to the



AP
In this Aug. 2, 2017 file photo, Tala Ashe, a cast member in the CW series "DC's Legends of Tomorrow," poses for a portrait during the 2017 Television Critics Association Summer Press Tour in Beverly Hills, Calif.

Clooney, Affleck join celebs in Harvey Weinstein reaction

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Reaction to the accusations of decades of sexual harassment by movie mogul Harvey Weinstein:

■ "People get away with things they think they can get away with. And it's all part of the... look, we do move forward in the world. I mean, I grew up, I'm 70 years old so I've seen a lot of changes in the world. Things I said when I was a teenager, it embarrasses me now that I said those things, but that's the world I lived in. That's the world that Donald Trump wants to go back to—let's make it... 1962 when this film takes place, if you were a white male, life was great. But if you were anybody else, it wasn't so good. And we just keep trying to make the world good for everybody."—Richard Jenkins in an interview with The Associated Press.

■ "The shameless behavior of this powerful man found shameless co-conspirators in people hiding behind screen handles, who then tried to push their foulness on to women who are blameless."—Gretchen Mol, writing in *The Hollywood Reporter*.

■ "These alleged actions are antithetical to human decency. These allegations come as an utter surprise to the board. Any suggestion that the board had knowledge of this conduct is false. We are committed to assisting with our full energies in all criminal or other investiga-

tions of these alleged acts, while pursuing justice for the victims and a full and independent investigation of our own."—the four remaining members of The Weinstein Co. board of directors.

■ "I think that these are charges that need to be faced seriously and things need to be done seriously about it because it's not an isolated incident that gets solved or two incidents that get solved—it's an attitude. It's ingrained. Things are rigged to allow these things to happen and they need to be de-rigged to stop it. It's not about case by case, it's a whole attitude. And I think that people that come forward need our support and love and they need to be taken as seriously as you can in whatever your field is. It's not just movies, it's the world. Banking, publicity, fashion, you name it—it's the way the world is rigged and it needs to change, the way we live as a species together, you know? End of story."—writer/director Guillermo del Toro in an interview with The Associated Press.

■ "I am saddened and angry that a man who I worked with used his position of power to intimidate, sexually harass and manipulate many women over decades. The additional allegations of assault that I read this morning made me sick. This is completely unacceptable, and I find myself asking what I can do to make sure this doesn't happen to others. We

need to do better at protecting our sisters, friends, co-workers and daughters. We must support those who come forward, condemn this type of behavior when we see it and help ensure there are more women in positions of power."—Ben Affleck on Facebook and Twitter.

■ "A lot of people are doing the 'you had to know' thing right now, and yes, if you're asking if I knew that someone who was very powerful had a tendency to hit on young, beautiful women, sure. But I had no idea that it had gone to the level of having to pay off eight women for their silence, and that these women were threatened and victimized."—George Clooney to the Daily Beast.

■ "There is no excuse for sexual harassment or sexual assault—no matter who you are and no matter what professions. I applaud the strength and courage of the women who came forward and made their voices heard."—Leonardo DiCaprio, in a statement on Twitter.

■ "Michelle and I have been disgusted by the recent reports about Harvey Weinstein. Any man who demeans and degrades women in such fashion needs to be condemned and held accountable, regardless of wealth or status. We should celebrate the courage of women who have come forward to tell these painful stories."—former President Barack Obama and wife Michelle in a joint statement.

part now because it promoted stereotypes.

Ashe's experience on The CW's "Legends," which re-

turns Tuesday, could not be more different.

She believes her character Zari, a computer-hacking su-

perhero from the future, portrays Muslim-Americans in "nuanced and sensitive, accurate way."

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

New 'Fifty Shades' novel from Christian's point of view

NEW YORK (AP)—Once again, E L James is letting Christian Grey speak for himself. Vintage Books announced Tuesday that the next "Fifty Shades" novel, "Darker: Fifty Shades Darker as Told by Christian" will come out Nov. 28. "Grey," published in 2015, also was told from Christian's point of view. James said in a statement that the new book would give readers a "darker and more haunted" take on Christian. James' original "Fifty Shades" trilogy, the sexually graphic saga of Christian Grey and Anastasia Steele, has sold millions of copies.

Swift, Smith and Sheeran tapped for iHeartRadio Jingle Ball

NEW YORK (AP)—Taylor Swift, Ed Sheeran and Sam

Smith are among the performers slated to take the stage during the iHeartRadio Jingle Ball tour that will hit certain cities during the holiday season. The Jingle Ball concert series, hosted by iHeartRadio stations across the nation, will take place in New York, Los Angeles, Boston, Washington, Dallas and other major cities. The Los Angeles concert on Dec. 1 will be shown nationally by the CW network on Dec. 14. Not every performer will be at each tour stop, but Swift, Sheeran, Sam Smith and the Chainsmokers will be at both the New York and Los Angeles concerts. Other acts that will appear at select concerts include Demi Lovato, Charlie Puth, Kesha, Zedd, Niall Horan and Liam Payne.

Viola Davis writing new 'Corduroy' children's story

NEW YORK (AP)—The celebrated picture book "Corduroy" will soon have a new sequel, written by an Oscar-winning actress: Viola Davis. Viking Children's Books told The Associated Press on Tuesday that Davis is writing "Corduroy Takes a Bow," which continues the story of the teddy bear made famous in Don Freeman's million-selling book. Illustrated by Jody Wheeler, "Corduroy Takes a Bow" comes out Sept. 11, 2018, marking the original book's 50th anniversary. Freeman later wrote "A Pocket for Corduroy," published in 1978, the year of his death. Davis said in a statement that she had "special" memories of "Corduroy"—as both a child and a parent. The 52-year-old actress is known for films such as "The Help" and "Fences" and for the TV series "How to Get Away With Murder."

Meat-and-potatoes man pans his friend's vegan cooking

DEAR ABBY: I retired after a 40-year career. A friend from work, "Bernie," is the same age I am (62) but is still working.

Six years ago, I had a serious health crisis. Three years ago, Bernie survived a heart attack. Since then, Bernie worries incessantly about dying. He exercises rigorously and eats a strictly vegan diet. I like to spend time with him, but I'm more casual about diet and exercise.

Neither of us is going to be a GQ model, regardless of how much we diet or exercise. I say life should be enjoyed, but Bernie is too busy obsessing, compulsively taking medicine and working out.

Today he invited me out to supper. Instead of going to a restaurant, he said he was cooking another of his (not-too-tasty) vegan meals. I don't want to offend or discourage Bernie, but I hate his cooking. What should I do? Would a steak and a baked potato kill him?

PAUNCHY BUT HAPPY IN KENTUCKY

DEAR PAUNCHY: Because you enjoy Bernie's company, call him and tell him you would love to come to supper, but because you are a carnivore you will be bringing your own steak and potato with you, so fire up the broiler.

DEAR ABBY: My mother died from a heroin overdose when I was 8. As a mother with children of my own, I often

find myself getting upset when people say nice things about her—things that would normally make people feel good, such as, "Oh, she would have been so proud of you," or, "She was such a great woman." I feel that if she was such a great woman, she wouldn't have chosen drugs over her (or our) well-being. How can I let go of the anger I feel toward her when everyone else sees her only in a good light?

MIXED FEELINGS ABOUT MOM

DEAR MIXED FEELINGS: I'm sorry for the loss of your mother at such a tender age and under such tragic circumstances. Far more is understood about drug addiction today than was known when you were a child. We now know that addiction can be less about a lack of character than a medical problem.

I seriously doubt that when your mother gave herself her final fix she realized it would be her last. While I sympathize with your anger at being cheated out of her presence in your life, it would be better for your own quality of life if you could accept that she was a human being and fallible. A licensed mental health professional can help you work through your anger, and I hope you will talk to one soon.

DEAR ABBY: We host many gatherings in our home during the year, including picnics. We have a downstairs bathroom that

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is intended for guests. But twice now, I have encountered guests using my upstairs bathroom. I have never offered it, and I'm offended that they take it upon themselves to go uninvited into private territory. I would never do that in someone else's house. Am I wrong, or are they overstepping the boundaries here?

WONDERING IN THE EAST

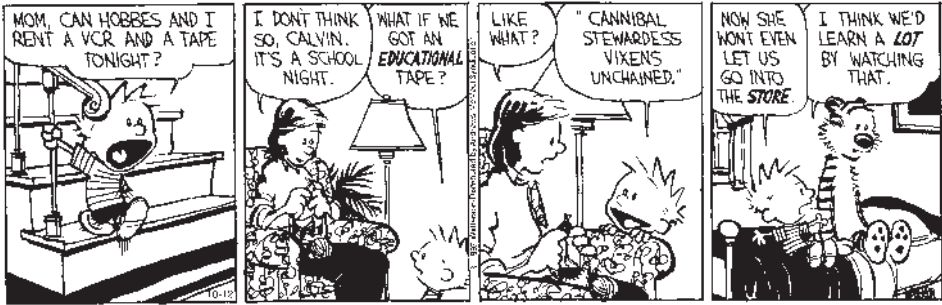
DEAR WONDERING: To use your upstairs bathroom without asking your permission is overstepping. The exception might be if the downstairs bathroom was in use, and the need to get into one was urgent.

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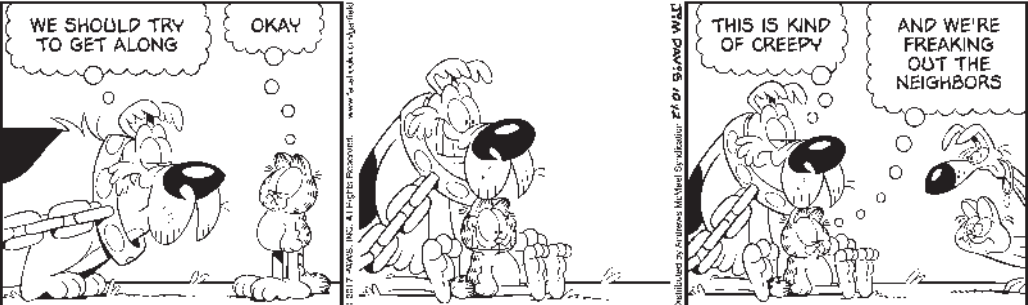
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Yesterday's answer 10-12

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Josh Hutcherson, 25; Bode Miller, 40; Kirk Cameron, 47; Hugh Jackman, 49.

Happy Birthday: Patience will be required when dealing with home and personal financial matters. Know what you want before you start negotiating. Having a strategy in mind will help you maintain your status quo while being able to build and expand on your interests. Don't give in to emotional blackmail or let anyone dictate what you can or cannot do. Your numbers are 3, 12, 23, 27, 32, 35, 48.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Emotions will get in the way of making good choices. Refrain from getting angry with someone you love. Take a moment to reevaluate the past and present and you'll have a clear picture of what you should do next. **

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Home should be your safe place and your refuge. Do whatever it takes to clear a space just for your enjoyment. Relaxation is the key to good mental health. Romance is featured and will improve your personal life. ****

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Yankees, Indians set for decisive ALDS finale



CLEVELAND (AP)

—There were no noticeable signs of panic or pressure. Now is not the time to show any weakness.

As the Cleveland Indians got ready for their biggest game this season, a winner-take-all Game 5 against the New York Yankees, everything seemed normal, routine.

Before answering questions at his news conference, manager—and Cavs' season-ticket holder—Terry Francona asked about the NBA team's new lineup, joked about his limited vocabulary and later tried on All-Star shortstop Francisco Lindor's diamond-encrusted, \$30,000 necklace.

The mood around the cage was typically loose Tuesday during batting practice, with a few players shagging flies while keeping an eye on slugger Edwin Encarnacion as he tested his sprained ankle.

Their season is on the line, and the Indians, who haven't lost three straight since Aug. 1, know it.

"Boils down to the loser goes home," ace Corey Kluber said.

Unable to put the Yankees away in the booming Bronx, the Indians, who are chasing their first World Series title since 1948, have another chance to advance on Wednesday night—and a date with Houston in the ALCS—against a New York team riding momentum into the finale of this AL Division Series.

Cleveland's 2-0 series lead seemed to vanish in a New York minute.

Backed by a raucous crowd that rocked Yankee Stadium on every pitch, the wild-card winners edged the Indians 1-0



in Game 3, and then took advantage of four errors by one of baseball's best defensive teams in Game 4 to win 7-3 on Monday night. After the Yankees blew a five-run lead and lost Game 2 in 13 innings on Friday night, it appeared their days were numbered.

Instead, they fought back. CC Sabathia knew they would.

"This is a team that I felt like every time, whether it's in a game or coming up through the season, we had tough times or backs against the wall, I felt like we responded really well," said Sabathia, who will face Kluber in Game 5. "So I

didn't see why we couldn't go home and play well and end up back here."

And here they are, these Yankees, who have staved off elimination three times in the past week.

They battled back from a 3-0 deficit in the first inning against Minnesota in the wild card, shook off a punch-in-the-gut loss and a controversy in Game 2, and are poised to possibly dethrone the defending AL champions.

For Yankees manager Joe Girardi, redemption is within reach.

His decision not to ask for

a replay review in Game 2 turned New Yorkers against their manager, who was booed at home and had to fight back tears following Monday's win. Girardi dismissed any personal satisfaction in his team's comeback, putting the pinstripes above all.

"It's really important for the guys, the organization, the ownership, management, fan base," he said. "You really want to move on. We got back to this spot by battling and fighting, and we're going to need to do it again."

Kluber, too, has a chance to redeem himself. The right-hander only lasted 2 2/3 innings in Game 2, a performance nearly as stunning as one of his gems.

The likely Cy Young winner was candid when asked what he needs to do better in Game 5.

"Everything," he said.

Although they've lost five straight clinching games dating to last year's World Series, the Indians like their chances with Kluber on the mound. He's 15-2 with a

AP
New York Yankees' Todd Frazier slides safely into home plate ahead of the tag from Cleveland Indians catcher Roberto Perez on a sacrifice fly by Brett Gardner during the fifth inning in Game 4 of baseball's American League Division Series, Monday, Oct. 9, 2017, in New York

1.62 ERA since June 1 and hasn't had consecutive poor starts all season. Francona was criticized for not starting Kluber in Game 1, but he had his reasons.

"We tried to be prepared for just about every scenario that could be thrown at us, and I think we feel real comfortable with how we went about everything and we wanted Kluber if we got to this game," he said. "We got to this game."

The Indians may also have Encarnacion for the first time since Game 2, when he sprained his right ankle. Cleveland's cleanup hitter has responded well to treatment and tested his ankle by jogging in the outfield.

Later, he faced Ryan Merritt in a simulated game, singled and tipped his cap after running to first.

Encarnacion's presence and pop transforms the Indians.

"We know how dangerous he is," Girardi said. "He's probably been one of the best RBI guys in our league for the last three or four years. He changes the lineup."

Francona is considering four lineups contingent on the health of Encarnacion and third baseman Giovanny Urshela, who took a line drive off the shin in Game 4 and committed two errors.

Farrell's status again up in air after Red Sox ouster

BOSTON (AP)—John Farrell is familiar with the extremes that come with being the manager of the Boston Red Sox.

He knows what it's like to be celebrated, as he was in his first season in 2013 when he managed the team to the franchise's eighth World Series title.

He also knows what it feels like under a harsh spotlight, where he's found himself each of the last two seasons after exits in the division series of the postseason.

So he wasn't surprised to hear his job security questioned after the Red Sox were eliminated from the playoffs with their 5-4 loss to Houston on Monday night.

"I can't begin to talk about what the offseason plans are and what changes may be realized, but I still feel like

there's a lot of good things that are going on here," Farrell said.

Farrell was unavailable Tuesday as Boston's players cleaned out their lockers and departed for the offseason. But team officials said he and president of baseball operations Dave Dombrowski are scheduled to hold season-ending news conferences later in the week.

Farrell's current contract runs through the 2018 season.

Boston won back-to-back American League East titles for the first time in franchise history this season despite losing the bat of retired slugger David Ortiz. It also did it despite starting the season with \$217 million pitcher David Price on the disabled list and watching as 2016 Cy Young Award winner Rick Porcello stumbled to an 11-

17 record.

The season also featured a second straight All-Star appearance by Mookie Betts and the arrival of Rafael Devers. Other young cogs like Xander Bogaerts, Jackie Bradley Jr. and Andrew Benintendi also were key contributors.

The group showed resiliency throughout the season. And Farrell said Monday that he believes he is the manager that can get it over its current hump.

"We didn't meet our goals," Farrell said. "But we have seen some really good young players continue to develop. We had a number of challenges thrown our way from individual injuries to performance. But as a team they stuck together."

Time will tell whether the franchise sticks with him.

Game 4 of Nats-Cubs rained out, set to play Wednesday

CHICAGO (AP)—The showers came a little late, but the rain that soaked Wrigley Field and washed out Game 4 of the NL Division Series followed Tuesday's forecast pretty closely.

Instead, Washington Nationals manager Dusty Baker delivered the biggest surprise of the day.

Baker announced after the rainout that he will stay with Tanner Roark for Wednesday's must-win game against the Chicago Cubs instead of giving the ball to ace Stephen Strasburg on regular rest. Jake Arrieta pitches for the Cubs in his return from a right hamstring injury.

Strasburg threw a bullpen session Monday. Baker said there is an illness going around his team, which he attributed to the weather, air conditioning at their hotel and Wrigley, and the "time of the year for mold around Chicago."

"We decided to stay with Tanner because, No. 1, you know, he was slated," Baker said. "Didn't work out for Stras for his bullpen day, and we're all creatures of habit, and plus, we've got full confidence in Tanner. And Stras, it would have been better, because he's feeling under the weather, like a lot of my team is."

The Cubs and Nationals took batting practice and the grounds crew got the field ready before bringing out the tarp. The rain started to fall about a half-hour after the game was supposed to start. With more showers in the forecast, Major League Baseball then called it off.

Chicago leads 2-1 in the best-of-five series going into Game 4, now scheduled for Wednesday at 4:08 p.m. EDT. There is rain in the forecast for early in the day.

"Everybody was pretty much on the same page on this

one," MLB executive Joe Torre said. "You know, we all felt it wasn't going to be enough playing time without rain."

If the Nationals win Wednesday, Game 5 would be Thursday night in Washington. The winner of the NLDS takes on the Dodgers in the next round, scheduled to begin Saturday in Los Angeles.

Chicago won 2-1 at home Monday.

Arrieta has pitched just 10 1/3 innings since Aug. 30. The 2015 NL Cy Young Award winner got hurt during a loss at Pittsburgh on Sept. 4. He returned late last month and made a couple starts down the stretch, but lasted just three innings in a loss at St. Louis on Sept. 26.

The Cubs skipped Arrieta's last turn in the rotation in the regular season and then pushed him back to Game 4 for the playoffs, giving the right-hander ample time to rest.

US misses World Cup for 1st time since 1986

COUVA, Trinidad (AP)—Twenty-eight years after the United States ended a four-decade World Cup absence with a stunning victory at Trinidad, the Americans' chances for the 2018 tournament in Russia ended on this island nation off the coast of Venezuela in even more astonishing fashion.

Needing only a tie and confident of victory against the world's 99th-ranked team, the U.S. was eliminated from World Cup contention Tuesday night with a 2-1 loss to Trinidad and Tobago that ended a run of seven straight American appearances at soccer's showcase.

"We let down an entire nation today," said defender Omar Gonzalez, whose 17th-minute own goal started the collapse.

Gonzalez casually tried to clear Alvin Jones' cross and sent it looping from 15 yards over the outstretched right arm of Tim Howard. Jones doubled the lead in the 37th minute with a 35-yard strike.

Christian Pulisic, the Americans' rising 19-year-old star, scored in the 47th minute, giving the U.S. hope.

Clint Dempsey, at 34 trying to make it to a fourth World Cup, entered at the start of the second half and was denied by goalkeeper Adrian Foncette's leaping save in the 69th and hit a post from 22 yards in the 77th. Bobby Wood's header in the 88th was sent wide by Foncette.

Even a defeat could have earned a berth, but only if Panama and Honduras both lost. And if the U.S. and only one of those rivals were beaten, the Americans would have finished fourth and advanced to a playoff next month against Australia.

Panama trailed 1-0 to Costa Rica at halftime and Honduras was behind 2-1 to Mexico, but both rallied against nations that already had clinched berths. Gabriel Torres scored for Panama in the 52nd minute on a shot that did not appear to cross the goal line, and Honduras went ahead on Guillermo Ochoa's own goal in the 54th and Romell Quioto's goal in the 60th.

At that point, the 28th-ranked Americans were playoff bound, but Roman Torres scored in the 88th minute to give Panama a 2-1 win, a third-place finish with 13 points and its first World Cup berth. Honduras finished fourth on goal difference and goes to the playoff.

The Americans, who would have qualified with 13 points because of a superior goal difference, instead had 12 points and finished fifth in the hexagonal.



"It's a blemish for us," coach Bruce Arena said. "We should not be staying home for this World Cup and I take the responsibility for that."

American players were not aware of the scores of the other games until after the final whistle.

"When I looked over at the bench and everyone was sitting down," Gonzalez said, "I could just see from the looks on their faces that it wasn't good."

Back in 1989, Trinidad needed merely a tie to reach its first World Cup, but Paul Caligiuri's long-range goal in the 30th minute put the U.S. in the tournament for the first time since 1950.

That game was played before a crowd of 35,000-plus at National Stadium in the capital of Port-of-Spain. With Trinidad already eliminated, this one drew a few hundred fans at Ato Boldon Stadium, 24 miles to the south.

The U.S. entered its final qualifier with a berth uncertain for the first time since 1989. Home losses to Mexico last November and Costa Rica caused the U.S. Soccer Federation to fire Jurgen Klinsmann and bring back Arena, the U.S. coach from 1998-2006. But after a loss to Costa Rica in New Jersey last month, there was little margin for error.

Shocked American players slumped on the bench, and

center back Matt Besler sat on the field after the final whistle as Panama's game ended and then Costa Rica's. Dejected U.S. players filed into their locker rooms with blank looks.

"You can go around in circles a million times over again, but the reality is that it was all there for us and we have nobody to blame but ourselves," U.S. captain Michael Bradley said.

Arena, a 66-year-old member of the U.S. National Soccer Hall of Fame, agreed with his usual bluntness.

"We foolishly brought Trinidad into the game with the own goal," the coach said. "That was a big goal for Trinidad psychologically. That got them motivated."

Missing the World Cup is a devastating blow to the USSF, which has steadily built the sport in the last quarter-century with the help of sponsors and television partners. It also is a trauma for Fox, which broadcasts the next three World Cups after taking the U.S. rights from ESPN. The USSF hopes to co-host the 2026 tournament with Mexico and Canada, and Morocco is the only other bidder.

"Every time you have a setback you have to look at things, re-evaluate and get better," 38-year-old goalkeeper Tim Howard said. "And as a program we have to get

better. This hex proved that. There's some good teams on the up and up and we've got our work cut out for us."

Arena left his lineup un-

changed from Friday's 4-0 rout of Panama in Florida, but the Americans couldn't generate the needed energy and emotion.

Messi delivers, saves Argentina

PERU (AP)—When it really mattered and when the pressure was most intense, Lionel Messi delivered for Argentina.

On the brink of being eliminated from World Cup qualifying for the first time in almost five decades, Messi scored all three goals in Argentina's comeback 3-1 victory Tuesday at Ecuador—overcoming the thin air in the Andes.

"It would've been crazy if Argentina didn't play the World Cup," said Messi, adding that the team "will change, will grow a lot, will be stronger after this."

But there's still work to do for Argentina, the two-time champions who lost the final three years ago to Germany 1-0.

Messi has yet to hoist a major trophy for his country of birth, a contrast to the laurels he's brought Barcelona.

He'll turn 31 during the World Cup in Russia, so this may be his last chance.

"Messi does not owe Argentina a World Cup, but rather football owes him a World Cup," Argentine coach Jorge Sampaoli said.

The top four teams in South America get automatic

spots at next year's tournament in Russia. Brazil has 41 points and clinched months ago. The other three advancing Tuesday went in this order: Uruguay (31), Argentina (28) and Colombia (27).

Uruguay beat Bolivia 4-2, Argentina won 3-1, Colombia drew 1-1 with Peru and last-place Venezuela beat Paraguay 1-0.

Peru (26) placed fifth and will keep alive its bid for a first World Cup appearance since 1982 after edging Chile for the South American spot in the inter-continental playoff next month against Oceania representative New Zealand.

On a dramatic last day of continental qualifying tournaments, six South American teams -- separated by only four points over 17 matches—had shots at the World Cup entering play.

Chile, after a 3-0 loss to Brazil, and Paraguay missed out. Venezuela, Bolivia and Ecuador were already out of contention.

There was a major shock further north in the Americas with the U.S. slipping from third spot to fifth in CONCA-

United States' Matt Besler squats on the pitch after losing, 2-1, against Trinidad and Tobago during a 2018 World Cup qualifying soccer match in Couva, Trinidad, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017.

"Our center backs were not confident enough with the ball and really often in the first half we were playing eight against 10 because they really need to carry the ball and bring a player to the ball and then move it a little quicker," he said. "Our forwards were not able to hold the ball. They did a poor job there. We didn't get Pulisic into the game. We played poorly. The first goal was unfortunate. Those things happen. The second goal was an incredible shot. What can you say?"

Gonzalez said Jones' cross struck his left shin as he tried to prevent it from reaching Shahdon Winchester.

"One of the most unlucky goals ever," Gonzalez said. "It is one that will haunt me forever. ... I never thought that I'd see this day. This is the worst day of my career."

USSF President Sunil Gulati said the result felt unreal.

"It's a huge disappointment for everybody: for players, for the staff, for coaches, for the federation," Gulati said. "It's not good enough, obviously. In some sense, 2022 starts tomorrow for us."

CAF qualifying for teams in North and Central America and the Caribbean with a loss in Trinidad and missing out on the World Cup. Panama secured the third automatic direct entry behind Mexico and Costa Rica, and Honduras finished fourth and secured a spot in a playoff against Australia.

It looked easy for Argentina. But it wasn't, particularly after Romario Ibarra gave Ecuador a 1-0 lead in the first minute at 2,850 meters (9,350 feet) in Ecuador's capital.

"Even with a goal against us you could see the certainty of a team that knew how to play the game," Sampaoli said.

Messi for sure, and running mate Angel di Maria.

Messi scored off a pass from Di Maria in the 12th, left-footing home from close range. In the 20th, Di Maria slipped a pass through to Messi, who drove the ball into the top corner from 15 yards.

Messi got his third in the 62nd, weighting a perfect 18-yard shot that went in just over the fingers of Ecuador keeper Maximo Banguera.

Golf group to hold Mini Games fundraiser

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The CNMI Federation of Golf Associations will be holding a fundraising tournament next month to support the Commonwealth national team's upcoming trip to Vanuatu this December for the 2017 Pacific Mini Games.

CFG president David Largent said the fundraiser is set for Nov. 18 at the Kingfisher Golf Links with each of the seven golf associations asked to commit seven slots out of

the 60 spots reserved for the tournament.

"The remaining 11 will be taken by other invitations. This is an opportunity for the golf associations to help support the CNMI golf team that's going to the Mini Games in Vanuatu," Largent said.

The Vanuatu Mini Games, the 10th edition of the scaled-down version of the Pacific Games, will be held in Port Vila from Dec. 4 to 15 with 2,000 athletes from the 24 member nations to vie for medals in 14 sports.

The CNMI will be sending a four-person team and one

coach to this year's competition. Franco Santos, Harry Nakamura, and the veteran Joe "Kamikaze" Camacho are among the candidates for the four slots on the CNMI team.

Largent said that they are also soliciting donations from the community to help the CNMI golf team's bid in the Vanuatu Mini Games. CGFA is in the process of soliciting cash to help the national team's trip, but in-kind donations are also welcome as these would be used as prizes for the fundraising tournament next month.

The CFGA is also finalizing

plans on opening up its office, talking to the management of the Laolao Bay Golf & Resort,

which offered a space for the group. The office, which they would share with the CNMI

Junior Golf program, would help CFGA's daily operations and activities.

Bike for Her set for Oct. 28



The Galleria/DFS Saipan will be holding Bike for Her on Oct. 28 with proceeds from the race going to the Commonwealth Cancer Association.

Registration starts at 5am at DFS Garapan's main entrance, while the race will begin at 6am. Entrance fees are only \$10 and each participant will receive a raffle ticket.

The race will have two

courses with Route 1 from DFS to Pacific Islands Club and back and Route 2 from DFS to Obyan and back. The first 50 finishers will receive free T-shirts, while additional raffle tickets will be sold for only \$1.

To register online, sign up at www.webscorer.com/register?raceid=114730. (PR)

LeBron returns, Cavaliers debut new starting lineup



CLEVELAND (AP)—LeBron James made his preseason debut Tuesday night after missing Cleveland's first three games with a sprained left ankle. He scored 17 points, but also had eight turnovers in the 108-94 loss to the Chicago Bulls.

It was the first chance for James to play with close friend and former Miami Heat teammate Dwyane Wade as the Cavaliers showed off their new starting lineup. Cavs coach Tyronn Lue brought out his new starting group for the first time now that James is back. He was joined by Wade, Kevin Love and newcomers Derrick Rose and Jae Crowder. Lue announced the lineup, which includes three former MVPs on Monday. James and Rose have won regular-season MVPs and Wade was the 2006 Finals MVP.

Rose finished with 13 points and Iman Shumpert added 12.

"Tonight, I was off. I could feel it," James said. "It's just my first action since the Finals and my timing was a little off and turnovers, I think, just trickled down to everybody. So, I made



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James (23) shoots past Chicago Bulls' Justin Holiday (7) during the first half of an NBA preseason basketball game in Cleveland, Tuesday, Oct. 10, 2017.

everyone's timing off."

The starting five was expectedly rusty with the group having spent little time together. Wade was just bought out by the Bulls on Sept. 24. Crowder and Isaiah Thomas went to Cleveland as part of the Kyrie Irving trade on Aug. 30. And Love was just recently informed that he'd be moving to center with the unit from power forward.

Love and Wade were a combined 2 for 19 Tuesday.

"I don't think we'll be the team we want to be in a week," James said. "It's going to be for the whole season. We're going to have changes, we're going to make changes, we're going to become a better team as the games go on. So, the team opening night will not be the team that we know we can be.

(17:39) with SIS' Blake Mister (17:40) coming in at third in the boys U15. It was an ACS sweep in the girls' side: Vivian Wu (19:18), Jemina Lin (20:52), and Keiziah Garcia (22:30).

Kaden Church won the boys' U13 division at 14:48 with Dylan Mister (16:40) coming in at second and Patphon Banninikaran (17:35) completing the SIS sweep. Victoria Torres (18:07, SIS), Soleil Lamar (18:30), and Elizabeth Xu (ACS, 18:52) made up the Top 3 in the girls U13.

Kern Han Cao (8:14) of Mt. Carmel School topped the first heat of the boys U11 division and was followed by John Xu (10:03) and SCS' Daniel Malus (11:11). WSR's Zhin Lin (8:51) duplicated the feat in the second heat with Imtiaz

Nadum (9:05) and John Paul Delos Reyes (11:32) completing the sweep.

SIS' Dana Lee (10:00), Lynn Zhao of ACS (10:35), and WSR's Destine Diana (11:18) were the Top 3 in the girls U13, while the boys' U9 Top 3 finishers were Alfred Baek of SCS (9:31), and ACS' Tong Jun (9:49) and Eugene So (10:35).

SCS' Lola Guerrero (10:05), SIS' Phoenix Gross (10:57), and ACS' Yulia Yasuda (11:10) were ranked 1-2-3 in the girls U9, while Landon Springer of SCS (10:00), Rey-ril Escarlan (11:21) and Yang Li (12:51) of ACS rounded out the Top 3 in the boys U7. ACS' Angeline Quan (11:18) and Lin Ran Qing (13:41) came in at first and third in the girls U7, sandwiching SCS' Elita Lee (12:25).

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champion TanHoldings FC.

TanHoldings came from an 8-1 demolition of Paire FC last Saturday. Taka Borja anchored TanHoldings' beating of Paire after firing four goals, including three straight (52nd, 54th, and 65th minute). The TanHoldings striker got his first goal in the 20th minute, while Aloyzeus Angeles also lit up the board in the first half with his shot in the 28th for the squad's 2-1 halftime edge.

Borja and company then turned the close match into a blowout win after getting into their rhythm in the second half. Besides Borja, three other TanHoldings players scored in the second half with Oliver Fajardo, Reginald Pascual, and Richard Waldo earning goals in the 66th, 69th, and 70th minute, respectively.

Blake Mister drilled the lone goal for Paire in the 27th minute.

Meanwhile, in the final game in the division last Saturday, Matansa eased past Shirley's FC, 4-0.

Razeff Altamirano starred in Matansa's shutout win after making a hat trick. He scored back-to-back-goals with the

first recorded in the 11th minute and the second a minute later, while his third came in the 43rd. Lolobeyong Benito logged the other goal for Matansa in the 26th minute.

CO-ED U12 DIVISION TanHoldings 9, Paire 3

TanHoldings was also victorious in the co-ed U12 age group after routing Paire.

Anthony John Bergancia, Mark Joseph Roque, and Angelo Pulido teamed up for TanHoldings' domination of Paire, as each posted three goals in last weekend's match at the Hopwood Middle School Field. Bergancia hit the board in the 18th, 19th, and 42nd minute, Mark Joseph duplicated that feat with his shots in the 10th, 38th, and 40th, while Pulido scored in the 15th, 55th, and 59th.

Dylan Mister also had a hat trick on a losing effort for Paire, as he found his target in the 13th, 25th, and 51st minute.

Kanoa-1 5, MP United 4

Kanoa-1 nipped MP United behind the goal of Jim Kurt Maniango.

Kanoa-1 stole the victory, as it was behind at the break, 1-2, and MP United was still ahead,

4-3, with less than 20 minutes left in the one-hour match. Markus Toves' third goal in the game (52nd minute) forced the deadlock before Maniango broke the tie and MP United's heart with his goal in the last minute of the match. Toves' two other goals came in the 26th and 33rd minute.

As for MP United's side, Andrew Chung gave the team the lead, 1-0, with his goal in the ninth minute, while Garrett Weaver also earned a goal in the first half (15th minute) for their 2-1 halftime advantage. Richard Castro scored MP United's third goal (37th), while Chung's second (41st minute) put their squad on top for the last time before Toves and Maniango delivered for Kanoa-1.

Matansa 7, Kanoa-2 1

Matansa walloped Kanoa, thanks to Jin Xin Wen and Alex Megino's outstanding games.

Xin registered three goals, scoring in the 10th, 21st, and 50th minute, while Alex also had a hat trick with his conversions in the 32nd, 36th, and 52nd. Jose Rafael Lopez chipped in one goal for Matansa, while Kanoa-2 avoided a shutout loss when Lowell Lumauag found the back of the net in the 38th minute.

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for an 80-64 triumph against Team Sawi.

With the win, Black Mamba is still undefeated after three games, moving up to solo second place in the team standings behind Tropang Ridhorns (4-0), while Green Minded is in the middle of the rankings with its even 2-2 card.

Before its fourth-quarter assault, Black Mamba was only ahead by 3 points, 63-60. Art Salazar stepped up in the final period, scoring 10 of his 15 points in that pivotal canto, while Alex Lauron and Mel Capalad combined for 12 more markers for Black Mamba as the trio outgunned the entire Green Minded crew.

Lauron ended up leading Black Mamba with his 29 points, while Capalad was among the five double-figure scorers for the team after finishing with 11 markers. Chris

Lansang and Ben William chipped in 14 and 11, respectively.

Ivan Devero carried most of the load for Green Minded with his season-high 40 points. Leo Itaas and Edwin Santos also tallied twin digits with 13 and 10, but their baskets were scattered and did not help Green Minded's cause.

In the third game, Spigen battled back in the third period and pushed harder in the fourth canto to top Team Sawi. Behind at halftime, 28-33, Spigen turned the table on Team Sawi, 57-50, thanks to the 12 third-quarter points of Lerio Pagarao. Pagarao, who did not play in Spigen's loss to Black Mamba early last week, was still at it in the fourth, adding 10 more markers to lead the squad's 16-point win.

Pagarao finished with 32 points and also drew enough support from Bruce Berline and Adrian Flores, who tallied 14 and 13 markers, respective-

ly. Spigen improved its record to 3-2 for fourth place in the team standings, while Team Sawi is still winless in two games to remain at the bottom half of the rankings.

Second Game

Black Mamba 93 — Lauron 29, Salazar 15, Lansang 14, William 11, Capalad 11, Gabaldon 5, Odicta 5, Ibanez 5, Echavez 3.

Green Minded 77 — Devero 40, Itaas 13, Santos 10, Armia 5, Tibayan 3, Omampo 3, Vergara 2, Dela Cruz 1.

Scoring by quarters: 22-11, 42-35, 63-60, 93-77.

Third Game

Spigen 80 — Pagarao 32, Berline 14, Flores 13, Sanciango 8, Cortez 8, Tibayan 4, Anicete 2.

Team Sawi 64 — Peredo 23, Gragasim 14, Talania 13, Director 8, Factor 2, Buenabaja 2.

Scoring by quarters: 14-16, 28-33, 57-50, 80-64.

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Xiong finished the three-lap course in 20:29, followed by fellow ACS students Peter Wang (21:25) and Daiwai Cai (22:24). ACS runners also came in fourth and sixth places respectively, William Chen (22:29) and Shun Bin Yuan (26:04), while SIS' Je Hyu Jung (23:13) broke the Agape monopoly.

Zhang, in the girls U18, clocked 23:44 to beat SIS' Tania Tan (24:01), while another ACS runner in Amelia Yu (28:04) came in at third. Tan led most of the way, but Zhang made her move in the final lap then blitzed towards the finish line for a good 17-second lead over the SIS bet.

Paolo Cao (15:04) bested ACS teammate Kobe Fu

CNMI vs Guam in Marianas Cup

GUAM FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION PHOTOS



Members of the CNMI Boys U18 National Team pay their respect to the Commonwealth flag during the opening ceremony for the Marianas Cup 2017 held last Sunday at the Guam Football Association National Training Center in Dededo.



The CNMI's starting 11 pose for a group photo before their match against the Guam All-Stars.



The CNMI's Alex Park stops the ball.



The CNMI's John Michael Rojas, right, uses his body to keep the ball away from Guam All-Stars' Nichika Fermin.



The CNMI's Sunjoon Tenorio, second left, is surrounded by Guam All-Stars defenders.



The CNMI's Joshua Hark Galarion, left, beats Guam All-Stars' Joshua Calvo to the ball.



CNMI goalie Chris Aninzo leaps to catch the ball.



Northern Mariana Islands Football Association and Guam Football Association officials join the opening ceremony.



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Agape dominates Cross Country 2nd leg



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Agape Christian School runners join other students at the starting line of the second leg of the Northern Marianas Athletics Cross Country Series held last Saturday at the Airport Field.

Black Mamba, Spigen outclass foes

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Black Mamba and Spigen saved the best for last to down their respective opponents in the 2nd Ali'i Blue Haus Invitational Basketball League last Sunday at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.



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Black Mamba exploded for 30 points in the fourth and final quarter en route to a 93-77 victory over

Green Minded, while Spigen made markers



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Agape Christian School once again showed its might after its runners fielded in different age divisions clinched podium finishes in last Saturday's second leg of the Northern Marianas Athletics' 2017 Cross Country Series at the Airport Field.

ACS had 17 of its runners placing in the Top 3, including a sweep in the boys U18 and girls U15 age groups. Saipan International School had eight podium finishes and also swept the boys U13, while William S. Reyes Elementary School had four, including Top 3 in heat one of the boys U11, and Saipan Community School had five.



Jonathan Xiong and Ella Zhang led ACS' attack by topping both the boys and girls U18 races that were previously won by the likes of ACS' Caleb Wang and Yang Sheng Ai, and Saipan Southern High School's Seiya Eda and Gabrielle Race of Marianas High School.

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MPU keeps unbeaten record

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MP United Football Club is still undefeated in the boys U14 division games of the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League as it nosed out Kanoa FC, 3-2, last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.



Rintaro Miyawaki knocked in the go-ahead goal for MP United, which improved its win-draw-loss record to 4-1-0 to keep the upper hand in the six-team field. Miyawaki broke the tie with his shot in the 37th minute and MP United did a good job keeping the shaky lead in the remaining minutes of the second half to get its fourth win this season.

Richard Steele and Jason Quimson scored the two other goals for MP United with the former

finding the back of the net in the third minute and the latter doing the same 11 minutes later for the 2017 spring champion's 2-0 advantage.

MP United's lead then was sliced to one, as it committed an error, awarding an own goal for Kanoa in the 25th minute. Kanoa went on to even up the count, thanks to Brian Lubao's conversion in the 28th minute. Neither team hit the board in the ensuing plays, keeping the match in a deadlock at the break.

When the game resumed, Miyawaki found his target early, scoring right into the second minute of the final half to help MP United regain the lead.

After its close victory over Kanoa, MP United will have its acid test this Saturday as it takes on defending fall season

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MP United Football Club's Rinto Takahashi handles the ball during their game against Kanoa FC in the boys U14 division of the 2017 NMIFA Fall Youth League last Saturday at the Koblerville Elementary School Field.



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Black Mamba's Alex Lauron takes off for an open shot during their game against Spigen in the Ali'i Blue Haus caging last week at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.